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THE ELLIS ARMS

The Ellis coat of arms, here reproduced, probably originated with Sir Archibald Ellys, a daring soldier and crusader in the time of Richard I., of England. He was a member of the Kent and Yorkshire branch of the family and particularly distinguished himself in the wars for the rescue of the Holy Sepulcher.

The design varies with the different branches of the family but invariably includes a cross of black with five crescents of silver on a shield of gold, which is surmounted by a helmet and a female figure naked, her golden hair disheveled. The "mantling" was of black lined with gold.

“There’s no title half so fine
As this simple “Kin of Mine,”
Doctor, General, Duke or Sir
Never makes my pulses stir;
Prince or Lord, or Earl or King
Somehow doesn’t mean a thing,
But my eyes begin to shine
At the title, “Kin of Mine.”

—Guest

A HISTORY AND
GENEALOGY
OF THE
JOHN ELLIS FAMILY
1797-1935

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"A people who have no interest in the achievements
of remote ancestors are not likely to accomplish any-
thing worthy of the recollection of their descendants."

—Macauley.

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PREFACE

THE importance of preserving Family History is manifest in these days, when the attention of so many persons is turned, with laudable pride, to the worthy deeds of an honorable ancestry. Most persons have occasion at one time or another to lament their meager knowledge of facts pertaining to those near of kin, especially in regard to ancestors several generations back. The author of this History and Genealogy of the Ellis Family has made an effort to supply such information as he possesses and has been able to assemble regarding one branch of the Ellis Family—that of John and Susan Ann Ellis. He has not been able to trace the genealogy beyond the immediate ancestors, but must leave that task to some future genealogist with more leisure and taste for the work. Such a record would be of priceless value, and should, by all means, be undertaken. The lost link in the chain is the one connecting the Maine branch with the Massachusetts Ellises.

The author has spent much time in gathering and arranging the subject matter of this volume. It has been a labor of love. He will feel amply repaid if the family deems it worth printing. The need of preserving the records during the lifetime of many of the older members of the family seemed imperative, for upon such records is based much of the knowledge so eagerly sought by historical and genealogical societies.

The writer is under special obligations to all those who have contributed information and photos for the volume, and he desires to convey his thanks for their aid and encouragement. In conclusion, he hopes that as other generations come, successors may be found who will take up the task and follow it down through succeeding generations.

Milo H. Miller

DEDICATION

THIS book is dedicated to the memory of my Grandfather John Ellis, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Mayfield, Somerset County, Maine. Born in 1798, he was probably not more than 25 years of age when he plighted his troth to the young lady of his choice, Susan Ann Ford, daughter of Abner Ford, of Brighton, by his second wife, Susan Fowls. She was slightly his senior in age, and either on this account or because of another lover, appears to have been somewhat reluctant to accept his proposal. A careful perusal of the letter which appears on another page will make this clear. This remarkable and quaintly worded appeal to the maiden's honor and sense of justice is unique and worthy of a place among the Ellis family archives. It was among the letters left by Grandmother Ellis at her death, and I am indebted to Alice McChesney, Kezia's daughter, for being permitted to print it here.

That Susan Ann Ford accepted John Ellis as her husband and became the mother of his children is an event of the greatest importance in the history of the family. By this union, the blonde blood of the Ellises was mingled with the brunette strain of the Fords, and the moral and spiritual traits in the two families were blended. These two types were very distinct among the Ellis children but are not so noticeable in the third and fourth generations on account of the admixture of other strains.

During his early life John Ellis was closely associated with the Fords in the lumbering business, and later became the owner of 176 acres of farm land at the edge of the wilderness. Here he settled down and began to till the soil. It was on this farm that the ten children composing the Ellis family were born between the years 1825 and 1838. In 1841, as related on another page, he left the scenes and friends of earlier days and emigrated to Western Pennsylvania in a covered wagon, bringing his entire family with him. After two years near Sugar Grove, Warren County, Pennsylvania, he took up his residence on a rented farm near Turnersville, in Western Crawford County. Here he remained for a period of eight years, and then purchased the Ellis homestead near Hartstown.

In 1862, he and his wife went on a visit among friends in Maine. They had passed but a few days in friendly greetings among relatives and friends when he took sick and died. The sorrowing widow buried him at Greenville and returned home, bringing his top boots along. They would do for one of the boys. A few years later, she with her daughter Kezia returned to Maine to finish the visit which had been so suddenly terminated and to place tombstones to his grave.

HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION

ORIGIN OF THE NAME ELLIS

There is little doubt that the surname Ellis had its beginning in the Scripture name Elias, which was in use in France as early as the days of Charlemagne as a baptismal name. It afterward took on the form of Elie as a family name, and by the time of the Norman Conquest had reached the form of Alis. William Alis is mentioned in the Domesday Book, and was the progenitor of the Alises of York and Kent counties, in England.

In later times Ellis became a common personal name in several countries. Consequently there are many families of this name of entirely distinct origin in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

In New England one of the first arrivals representing the name Ellis was John, of Welsh descent, who settled in Medford, Massachusetts, in 1641. Thomas Ellis, from Wrentham, England, settled in Medfield, Massachusetts in 1649. Richard Ellis was one of the original settlers of Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1650. Some of these may have been distant relatives. The Ellis name is quite common throughout New England and includes many eminent men and women in all walks of life.

I have made several efforts to link up the Maine and Massachusetts Ellises but without success. Samuel, the father of John Ellis, of Mayfield, may have been born in Massachusetts, since Maine belonged to the latter colony until 1820, when it was admitted to the union as a separate state.

Henry D. Thoreau in his MAINE WOODS mentions a famous hunter by the name of Ellis, who lived in Guilford, Maine. As this town is located only a short distance from Mayfield, he was probably a relative of our ancestor.

Thoreau also mentions a Samuel Ellis with whom he spent a night on one of his Cape Cod excursions. He was a very religious man and conducted family worship before retiring for the night. This, however, might be said of nearly all the Ellis family at a later date.

PROPOSAL OF JOHN ELLIS TO SUSAN ANN FORD.

Dear Madam,

While contemplating on my lonely circumstances and suffering many inconveniences which nothing but a loving and worthy companion, such as you can remove, I have sat down to write a few lines, though simple and plain, yet they are the impressions of a heart free from any deceit or disguise in this matter.

I have some pleasurable opportunities of enjoying your company and conversing with you on the subject of matrimony, yet as you seem to fear to accept of my offers, I thought proper to write these few lines to you which I trust you will receive as from your best friend. If you accept you may rest assured that while I retain my reason that nothing in my power will ever be neglected which will contribute to your happiness and welfare, and I think I can trust that you will even seek a happy life and comfortable living with the man of your choice should I be so happy as to be the one, it will save me much sorrow of heart, yet as a sense of duty binds us to seek first our own happiness, I hope you will consider the matter impartially and decide as will prove for the best.

I do not feel myself worthy of your charms now but yet I hope to enjoy them free from the thoughts of ever being deprived of them till death, the end of all, shall call us where I hope we shall meet again, where love is free from doubt or care.

I have written this because I think that I can better explain my sentiments when calm and retired than any other time.

“O never let a virtuous mind despair,
For constant hearts are love’s peculiar care.”
Your most humble friend and lover,

John Ellis

to Susan Ford.

P.S. “If you accept my humble love,
‘Twill prove a consolation;
If you reject I fear ‘twill prove
My utter desolation.”

THE MAID'S REPLY

Was Susan Ann Ford's reply to this interesting epistle written, or did her brown eyes and sweet young lips give the answer to John Ellis' earnest plea?

We shall never know, but this volume, chronicling the descendants of John and Susan Ellis is indisputable evidence that the young lady accepted the proposal you have just read on the preceding page.

The following lines were adapted from Oliver Wendell Holmes' poem to an ancestress:

Susan Ford Ellis! Grandmother Sue!
Great is the gift that I owe to you;
Such a gift as never a king
Save to daughter or son might bring,—
All my tenure of heart and hand,
All my title to house and land;
Mother and sister and child and wife
And joy and sorrow and death and life!

What if a hundred years ago
Those girlish lips had answered, "No,"
When forth the tremulous question came
Which offered the maiden the Ellis name—
Should I be I, or would it be
Nine tenth another to one tenth me?

Soft is the breath of a maiden's "Yes;"
Not the lightest gossamer stirs with less,
But never a cable that holds so fast
Through all the battles of wave and blast,
And never an echo of speech or song
That lives in the babbling air so long!
There were tones in the voice that whispered then
You may hear to-day in a hundred men.

O lady and lover, how faint and far
Your images hover,—and here we are,
Solid and stirring in flesh and bone,—
John's and Susan's—all their own,—
A goodly record for time to show
Of a syllable spoken so long ago!

DESCENT OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

FIRST GENERATION

Great Grandfather—Samuel Ellis

First wife—Barbara Blanchard

Children: Freeborn, Mary, Sweet, Thimeon, Nancy, Barbara,
John, Samuel.

Second wife—Sarah Withey

Children: Nathaniel, William, Sumner, Sarah.

SECOND GENERATION

Gradfather—John Ellis, son of Samuel Ellis.

Birthplace—Unknown

Occupation—Lumberman and Farmer

Residence—Mayfield, Maine

Removed to—Hartstown, Pa.

Born—September 6, 1798

Died—October 13, 1862

Buried—Greenville, Maine

Married—Susan Ann Ford, daughter of Abner Ford

Born—February 3, 1797

Died—May 16, 1869

Buried—Hartstown, Pa.

THIRD GENERATION

Name	Born	Died	Age
Benjamin Ford Ellis,	October 4, 1825,	January 2, 1914	88
Kezia Hilcolm Ellis,	July 7, 1827,	July 12, 1894	67
Silence Ford Ellis,	November 16, 1828,	December 4, 1899	71
Abner Ford Ellis,	March 30, 1830,	September 16, 1907	78
Alfreda H. Ellis,	September 22, 1831,	February 7, 1905	74
Philander C. Ellis,	January 28, 1833,	July 2, 1863	30
Enoch Ford Ellis,	March 2, 1834,	February 13, 1890	55
Nathan Ford Ellis,	April 5, 1835,	April 23, 1903	68
Cyrus Stilson Ellis,	April 26, 1836,	September 11, 1915	79
Lorenzo Dow Ellis,	November 28, 1838,	March 23, 1922	83

CHILDREN OF JOHN ELLIS

Benjamin Ford Ellis
B. Oct. 4, 1825
D. Jan. 2, 1914

Keziah Ellis
B. July 7, 1827
D. July 12, 1894

Silence Ford Ellis
B. Nov. 16, 1828
D. Dec. 4, 1899

Abner Ellis
B. Mar. 30, 1830
D. Sept. 16, 1907

John Ellis
B. May 6, 1798
D. Oct. 13, 1862
M.
Susan Ann Ford
B. Feb. 3, 1797
D. May 16, 1869

Alfreda Ellis
B. Sep. 22, 1831
D. Feb. 7, 1905

Philander Coburn Ellis
B. Jan. 28, 1833
D. July 2, 1863

Enoch Ford Ellis
B. Mar. 2, 1834
D. Feb. 13, 1890

Nathan Ford Ellis
B. April 5, 1835
D. April 23, 1903

Cyrus Stilton Ellis
B. April 26, 1836
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PORTRAITS OF
THE ELLIS FAMILY



Benjamin



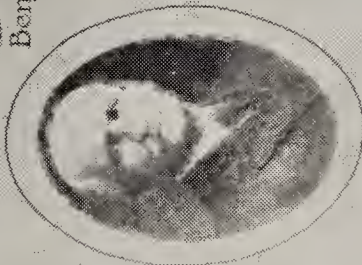
Keziah



Silence



Abner



Lorenzo Dow



John and Susan Ann Ellis



Alfreda



Nathan



Cyrus Stilton



Philander Coburn



Enoch

THE HISTORY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

John Ellis, son of Samuel Ellis, was born May 6, 1798. The place of his birth is unknown. It may have been in Mayfield, Maine, where we first find him, and it may have been in Massachusetts, from which many of the Ellises in this country are descended. There is a tradition in the Ellis family that John went to Maine to engage in lumbering. It was here that he met Susan Ann Ford, daughter of Abner Ford, of Brighton, Somerset County, Maine. She was born February 3, 1797. We do not know the date of their marriage.

Ten children were born to this union—all in Mayfield, where they dwelt on a farm of 176 acres on the very edge of the wilderness. My mother, Silence, was but twelve years old when they left the old home, but she remembered very distinctly how badly frightened she had once been by a big black bear when returning from a visit to Brighton. The animal might not have harmed her, but she turned back and ran in the opposite direction until she came to a better traveled road, by which she finally reached home late in the evening.

No doubt the farm that John Ellis carved out of the virgin forest was rocky and hilly like New England farms in general. Those who are accustomed to the broad and fertile fields of the Great West are puzzled to understand how even a moderate subsistence could be obtained from most of the New England farms. We must attribute it to the great economy as well as thrift of the pioneers. All were required to labor early and late to make a living. The principal wealth that was acquired consisted mainly in the vigorous physical and mental constitutions which nearly all acquired in a high degree.

John Ellis and his wife Susan Ann were Free Will Baptists in religious belief and always took an active interest in the councils of the denomination. They founded the first Free Will Baptist church in Mayfield, and were among the founders of the Freewill Baptist church in Adamsville, Pennsylvania and remained faithful adherents until their death. One of the early ministers of the latter congregation was Elder John B. Page, a grim sturdy, powerfully built man with strong religious principles like those of his Puritan ancestors. The writer of this sketch remembers this bearded spiritual shepherd as a man of unusual energy and endurance. He drove long distances to attend the quarterly meetings of the widely scattered congregations, and not infrequently prepared his sermons on the way and

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practiced them upon the cattle in John Ellis's pasture field. Elder Page preached the funeral sermon of John Ellis, who died in Maine, and Philander Coburn Ellis, who was killed at Gettysburg.

The ten children of John and Susan Ann Ellis were all born in Maine. Benjamin, the oldest, was 16 years of age and Lorenzo Dow, the youngest, was three when they emigrated to Western Pennsylvania. The trip was made in a covered wagon drawn by four horses during the summer of 1841. But why did they come to Pennsylvania?

Perhaps they came in response to an invitation from a relative who had preceded them and knew something of the rich lands west of the mountains. Perhaps he was animated by the same spirit of adventure that sent his father Samuel Ellis into the Maine wilderness.

It was a long and difficult journey over roads that were none too good. The course followed from Maine to Pennsylvania is not definitely known. It was probably through Massachusetts and central New York by way of the Mohawk valley. My mother remembered passing through a large city. This was probably Boston. If so, the direction would be westward through the Berkshire Hills into the Hudson valley. This noble river could be forded at Albany. The balance of the trip up the Mohawk and through the lake region of central New York could be made, even then, with comparative ease. The country was well settled and had been for nearly a century. The Erie Canal was built in 1820 and sufficient time had elapsed to permit the growth of cities and towns along the line. These were connected by well-traveled highways along which they traveled, by easy stages, camping out at night or sleeping in the covered wagon.

What a wonderful experience it must have been for every member of the family! Ben could help drive and care for the horses. Kezia could help with the meals and tend the children, while "Ab" and "Sine" could run beside the wagon and pick berries or gather wood for the fire at night. Then there was always something interesting along the way—such as Boston and the Berkshires, the lordly Hudson and the blue peaks of the Catskills. What a holiday excursion it must have been! What fun to camp out at night! A Gypsy life, with an outdoor encampment and a flickering fire by night. No doubt it took five or six weeks to make the journey, but the great west was forever beckoning them on. There they would find a home and rear the family altar. There they would plant the family tree.

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Several Maine families had gone before and were settled near Busti, Cataraugus County, New York, so this was their immediate destination. They found a vacant house near Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania. It was a bare board shack set on posts which had been used for a sheep fold. It would do for a summer home, perhaps, but was too cold for winter. The icy blasts howled through the cracks and crevices of their rude shelter, and nothing but their vigorous physical and mental constitutions carried them through that first winter. We wonder why they should choose such a bleak inhospitable hut for a home but we must remember that John Ellis was a pioneer seeking a home in a new country, and he must take what was offered, however humble. "The company of just and righteous men," says Euripides, "is better than wealth and rich estate." So it was with John Ellis. He was among friends and relatives, so he remained there another winter, this time in a better house, at Lottsville.

During the summer of 1843, he again removed, this time into Crawford County, Pennsylvania, where he rented a farm at McLean's Corners, near Turnersville. This farm belonged to a Rev. Wm. McLean, a Covenenter minister. On this farm John Ellis lived for eight years, tilling the soil and rearing his family. But he was not willing to be a renter all his life. He wanted a home of his own, so he took up the treck again—this time for a shorter haul—to what has ever since been known as the John Ellis Homestead. It was 1851, ten years after he left Maine. It had taken a decade to find a suitable home in the state of his adoption, but the choice was well made and the Ellis family now came into their inheritance.

The Old Red House was amply large and substantial, a two story frame structure with a kitchen wing on the west side. Two mammoth stone chimneys with open fireplaces, one in the north end of the main building and the other at the west end of the kitchen addition, furnished abundant heat even in the severest winter weather.

There was a large bank barn a short distance away. It was reached by a lane with a swinging gate at its entrance near the house.

I still remember every feature of the homestead with its surrounding buildings including the corn crib, cow shed, sheep fold, and pig pen, besides the garden and orchard. The house was a landmark on the north and south road between Hartstown and Adamsville for over a century. It stood on the hillside west of the main highway and was conspicuous for its red color and imposing appearance. The

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site is now a vacant field, with nothing to mark the place but a bed of tiger lilies that grew at the southeast corner of the house.

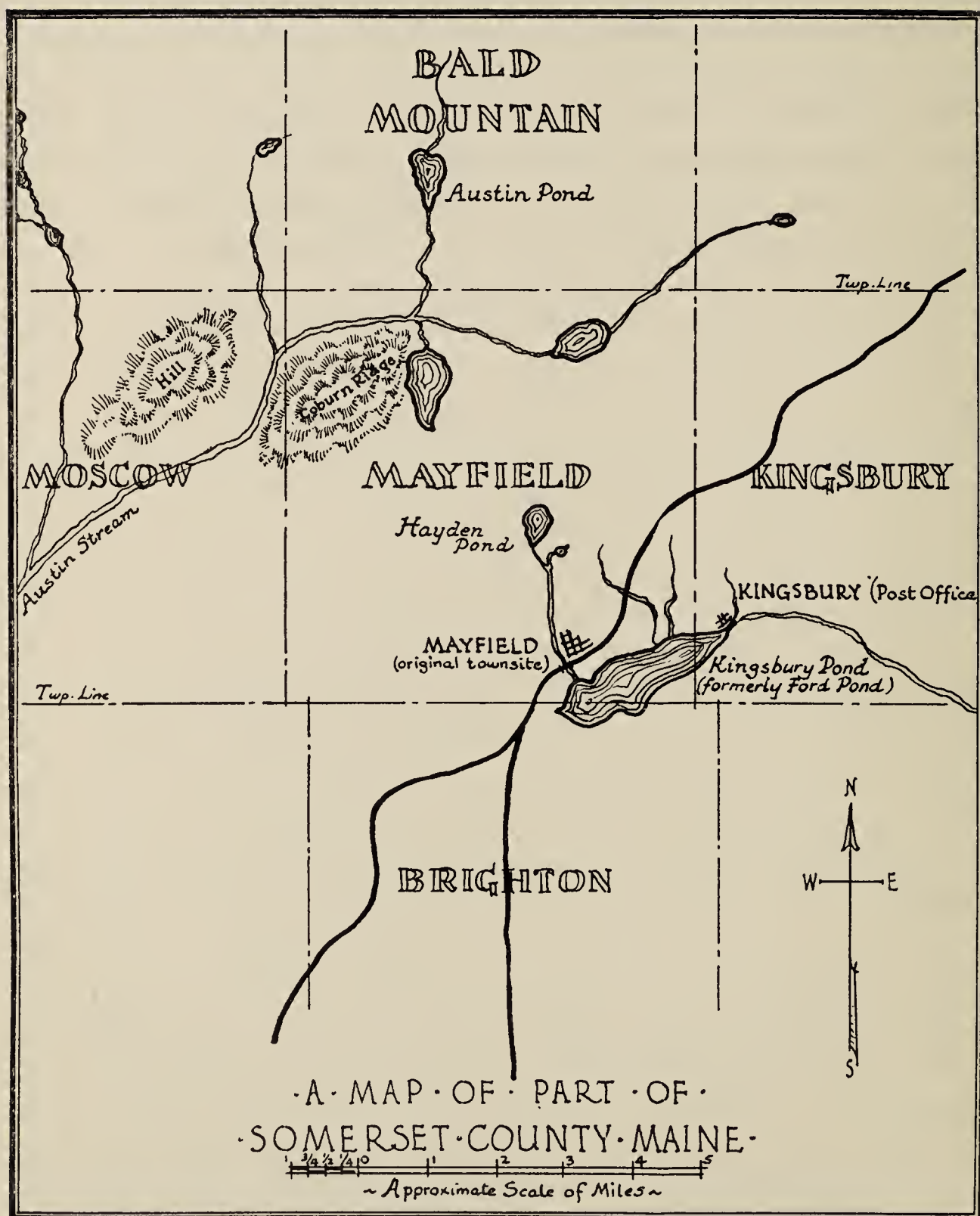
It is a worthy ambition to be the founder of a family, but it is far more honorable to be the progenitor of a race in whose veins flows no ignoble blood. John Ellis was a worthy ancestor in every sense of the word, and became the father of a numerous and highly respected family. He was, without doubt, of Puritan stock, a down-easterner of pure Yankee extraction. This is proven by the drawl comon to all the older members of the family. Ben, Keziah, and Silence always said "biler" for boiler, "caow" for cow, and "sartin" for certain or certainly. They spoke slowly and enunciated their words distinctly in characteristic New England accent such as is still used by Maine and Massachusetts people. One of the best modern representatives of this habit of speech is our own late President Coolidge. Despite his culture, he had the Yankee drawl of an Easterner, as any of you can testify who have heard him over the radio.

Now, just a few words about the ancestor of John Ellis. His name was Samuel. He was married twice. To his first wife he had eight children, Freeborn, Mary, Sweet, Timeon, Nancy, Barbara, John (our ancestor) and Samuel. The name of his first wife was Barbara Blanchard. His second wife's name was Sarah Withey, to whom he had four children, Nathaniel, William, Sumner, and Sarah. We do not know where Samuel Ellis was born, nor how he came to be in Maine, but it is quite probable that he went there from Massachusetts to engage in lumbering. Maine was settled by Massachusett's people and remained attached to that colony until 1820, when it was admitted to the Union as a separate state.

Neither are we certain about the ancestry of Abner Ford, the father of Susan Ann. He was from Brighton, Somerset County, Maine, and was probably descended from the Massachusetts Fords. Sewell Ford, a short-story writer and magazine contributor of considerable eminence, thinks that his grand-father Enoch Ford was descended from the "Widow Ford and her two sons" who are mentioned on the Pilgrim monument at Plymouth, as having come to America in the ship "Fortune", next to arrive after the "Mayflower." Enoch was Susan's brother. We have never established this line of descent from the Plymouth Fords but it is quite probable that some later genealogist will be able to complete the link.

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If I were asked to express an opinion regarding the Ellis and Ford ancestry, I would certainly pronounce them as English, one of Puritan and the other of Pilgrim origin. If this is true, it gives us a heritage of which we may well be proud. Personally I do not think there is a single drop of French Canadian blood in the Ford ancestry. That would presume a Catholic strain, of which there is not the slightest evidence. Many of the Ellises have black hair and brown eyes. This comes from the Ford family, while light hair and blue eyes predominates among many of the Ellis family. This is an Ellis characteristic. The Ellises are blonde, the Fords brunette.



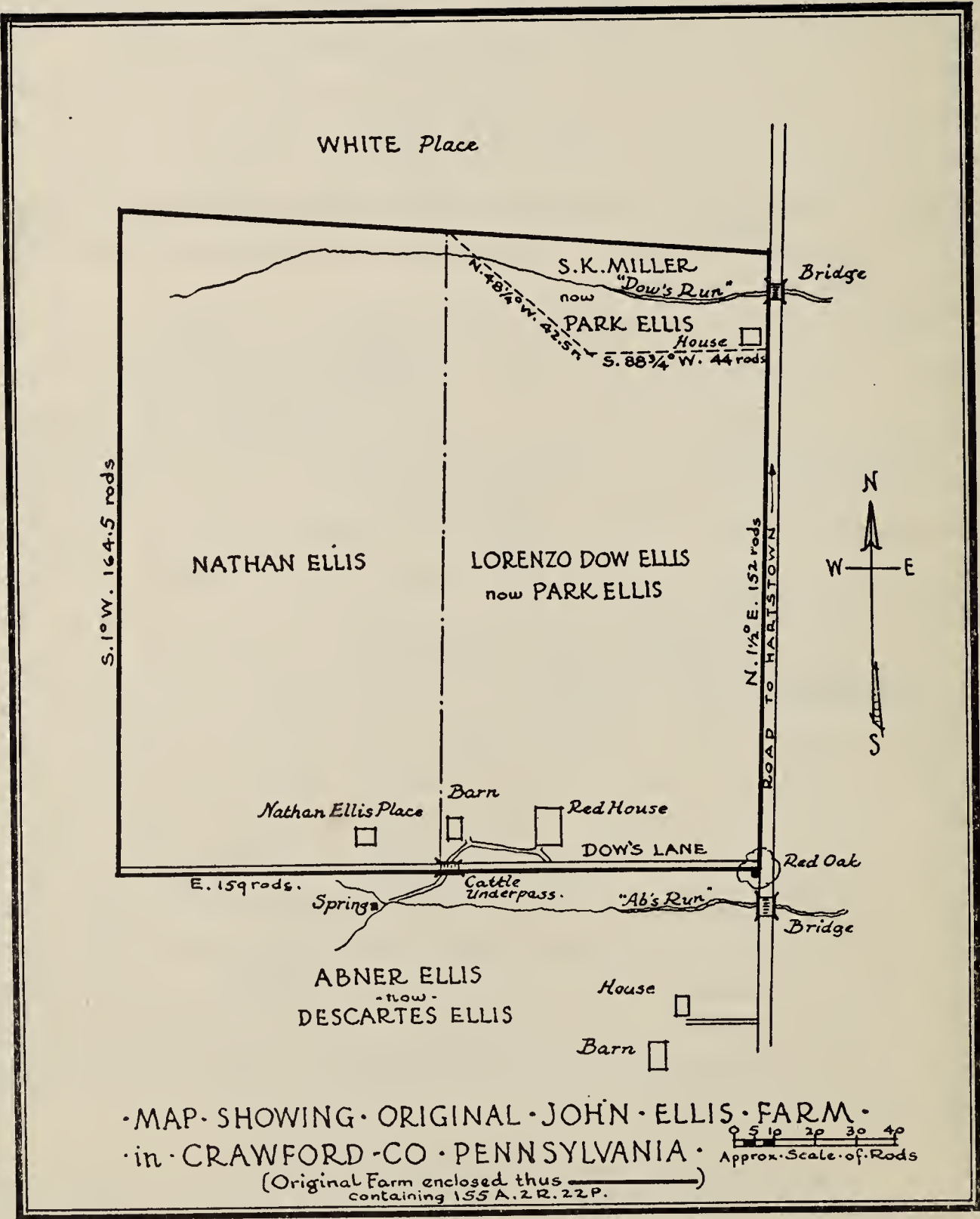
THE MAP OF MAYFIELD

The map of Mayfield township, Somerset county, Maine, is copied from a Sportsmen's Map of the county published by J. H. Stuart Company, South Paris, Maine. Mayfield is the town, or township, from which the Ellis family came. It consisted of a tract six square miles in area some fifty miles north of Augusta, the capital.

Only a small part of the town had been cleared and was under cultivation, while by far the larger part was still covered with the evergreen forests for which Maine is still noted. In fact, much of the town is still virgin timberland and wholly unfit for farming. A glance at the map will show that the settled part was the southeastern corner near Kingsbury Pond.

The Ellis farm, consisting of 176 acres, was located at the very edge of the wilderness, and what was known as the Aroostic Territory lay immediately beyond. The latter was abundantly supplied with ponds and streams. Bears were plentiful in the forested region and sometimes made off with the farmer's spring lambs. My mother remembered when her uncle, Johnathan Smith, a renowned hunter and trapper, came to her father's house early one morning for a yoke of oxen and a skid to draw a big black bear out of the woods.

An improved highway now runs in a diagonal direction through the southeastern corner of the town (or township, as we would say in Pennsylvania) connecting the little hamlet with the outside world. Skowhegan Falls, on the Kennebec river, is about twenty-five miles away in a southerly direction, and Greenville, where John Ellis is buried, is about fifty miles north at the foot of Moosehead Lake. Much of the surrounding country is still uninhabited and frequented only by sportsmen and tourists during the hunting and fishing season. Ellis is a common name in that part of the state. In entering the territory from the New Hampshire side, we crossed a large stream bearing the Ellis name, and Kingsbury Lake was formerly known as Ford's Pond.



DESCRIPTION OF THE ELLIS FARM

The map is drawn from the deed of conveyance to Nathan and Lorenzo Dow Ellis in 1866. It seems that John Ellis had never made his final payment upon the property and consequently never owned the place in fee simple.

The farm consisted of 155 A. 2 R. and 22 P. of fertile land on the west side of the public road between Hartstown and Adamsville at a distance of about a half mile south of the former place. The topography of the land is very uneven. A deep ravine cuts through it from west to east near the northern boundary line. This ravine is traveled by a stream of running water known as Dow's Run, which empties into Crooked Creek. South of the Old Red House, which was the residence of the Ellis family for many years, was another smaller stream known as Ab's Run. Standing at the site of the Red House and looking eastward, there is an extensive view of the Crooked Creek valley and the north and south road in the foreground and the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad beyond. The farm lies between the two runs and has an eastern exposure, which was favorable for the early maturity of farm crops. Only a small part of the land was wooded—that about the headwaters of the two streams, while the low land to the eastward was densely wooded with pine, hemlock, tamarack and other varieties.

West of the John Ellis home the farm reached its greatest elevation, and here on a gentle swell of land stood the bank barn built in 1820. The date was carved into the great oaken beam which separated the barn floor from the haymow. This beam still serves the same purpose in the barn built out of the original timbers some seventy-five years later by Lorenzo Dow Ellis. The present barn stands near the new Perry Highway on the Park Ellis place. The date is still quite legible.

Scattered here and there over the farm in early days were a number of great granite boulders, perhaps remnants of the Great Ice Age which swept down from the arctic regions in ancient times. One of these immense rocks stood beside the lane between the house and the barn, and beside it grew a butternut tree which bore nuts of excellent quality. Many of these great boulders were blasted into pieces and built into cellar or barn walls, while one on the crest of the hill over-

DESCRIPTION OF THE ELLIS FARM

looking Dow's Run was broken up and buried. Scarcely a single one of these great "nigger-heads" as they were called, now remains on the old John Ellis place.

Much of the land along the streams and the grassy slopes of the side hills were fit only for sheep and cow pasturage at any time, and some of it has been neglected and allowed to grow up with a covering of chestnut and maple trees. The side hill near the head of Dow's Run was partially cleared a second time by the present owner, Park Ellis.

The old John Ellis house, known as the Red House, stood on the side hill about twenty-five rods west of the public road, and was reached by a lane that extended on west to the Nathan Ellis and McGranahan places. The house was torn down a number of years ago, but its site is still marked by a clump of tiger lilies that grew at the southeast corner.

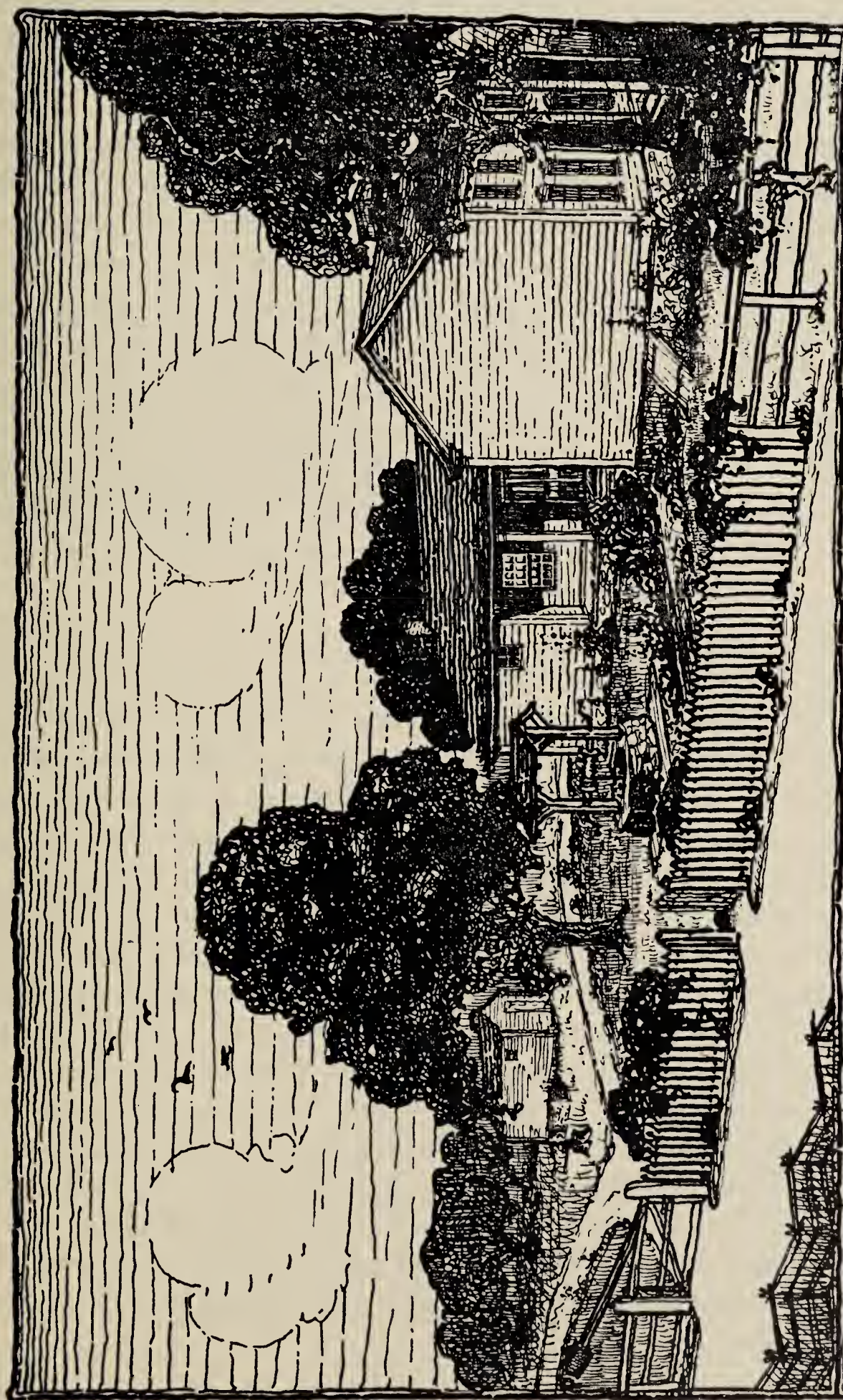
The house now occupied by Park Ellis was originally built by my father, Samuel K. Miller, in 1859. Here he lived until 1869, when he removed to Hartstown. This is the house in which the writer was born and in which Uncle Dow lived until his death in 1922. It is now occupied by the latter's son, Park Ellis, who farms the place and runs a dairy.

The Nathan Ellis house was originally built about 1866. Nathan lived there until 1870, when it was sold to John Mitchell. It was remodeled by Edwin V. Denick, who dwelt there for a number of years.

The Abner Ellis house is located just south of the old homestead, from which it is separated by a shallow ravine through which flows a strong spring run. The house is now occupied by Descartes Ellis, Abner's oldest son. The spring shown on the map was well known for its abundant supply of pure clear water. It was reached by a path from the barn permitting the cows to pass under a bridge. The Abner Ellis farm was originally a part of the John Ellis place.

Dr. White was the nearest neighbor on the north. He lived on the east side of the public road in a spacious house with flower beds and shrubbery in front.

Wm. McQuiston, the miller, was the nearest neighbor on the south. He lives in a house surrounded by evergreen trees on the west side of the public road, and beside it was a well with chain and windlass and oaken bucket.



•THE •OLD •RED •HOUSE •...JOHN •ELLIS •HOMESTEAD •...CRAWFORD •CO •PENNA •
•from •Original •Drawing •of John •Ellis •of •Wheeling •W •Va • grandson •of the •first •Ellis •Owner •

"THE OLD RED HOUSE"

No description of the Ellis home known as the "Old Red House," could possibly present an adequate picture of the original. It was one of a type that has long since disappeared.

Constructed of great oaken posts and beams, covered with weather boards and roofed with clapboards, with a one story kitchen at the rear, it stood out as a conspicuous landmark on a side hill overlooking the north and south road for upwards of a century.

One of the early residents of Hartstown, Rev. H. H. Hervey, always referred to the Ellis homestead as the OLD RED HOUSE, and said that it was one of the three houses on the main road that still remained exactly as they were when he first saw them many years before. The other two were the GRANNY HUGH BLAIR place near Hartstown, and the KIRKPATRICK house near Adamsville. These houses were all painted red, which rendered them all the more conspicuous to any traveler on the public highway.

The Ellis house stood somewhat back from the road, and was reached by a shaded lane. The house, too, was surrounded with maple trees, and beyond it was the orchard. A visitor in approaching the house saw a front entrance and a number of windows with small panes of glass. There was a large stone chimney at the north end. A one-story kitchen, also with a stone chimney, adjoined it on the west and completed the picture. There were no windows in the southern end, and but two in the northern, one on each floor. In front of the house facing the public road hung a large pole swing suspended from a beam between two trees. The interior arrangements were simple in the extreme as was the custom of the times. There was a large front hall with a room on each side. A staircase led to the second floor and a back hall to the rear porch. The big room with its immense fireplace was at the northern end, and a spare room at the southern. There were but two main rooms on the second floor, one of which (the southern) was unfinished. The kitchen addition contained a large living room, and a meal room for flour and feed of different kinds opened off the back porch. A stairway in one corner led to an attic over the kitchen.

Like all country homes in those days, the house was surrounded with a number of outbuildings, such as dry house, smoke house, corn

"THE OLD RED HOUSE"

crib, sheep fold, chicken coop, and pig pen. A well-curb with a windlass and oaken bucket supplied the family with water. The grounds were entered by a swinging gate, supported by a long pole at the end of which was a box holding several large stones. There was no wood shed, but, in its stead, a liberal supply of logs and poles were piled just outside the kitchen door, and beside them, an axe and cross-cut saw, also a buck-saw and saw horse, for cutting the wood into convenient lengths for burning in the fireplaces. With so large a family of grown boys there was no want for help to cut the wood and carry the water for the household.

The sketch here presented was drawn by John Ellis, of Wheeling, West Virginia, only a short time before his death. It was made at my request and is a faithful reproduction of the place as it was in later days, when Dow made it his residence.

CHAPTER I

GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

Benjamin Ford Ellis Branch

This record includes the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Benjamin Ford Ellis, eldest child of John and Susan Ann (Ford) Ellis, of Mayfield, Somerset County, Maine.

The generations were made up from reports received from the living descendants, and are as correct as it is possible to make them. In case of error, the author begs the relatives to be generous in their criticisms.



Leroy Ellis Mary Melvin



Joseph Ellis Rose E. Northrop
Benjamin's Children

Leroy Elbert Ellis
B. Aug. 6, 1849
D. Feb. 26, 1872

Mary Ellis
B. Sept. 27, 1851
D.
M. June 24, 1873
Arthur Melvin
B. Oct. 26, 1847
D. Jan. 23, 1903

Benjamin Ford Ellis
B. October 4, 1825
D. January 2, 1914
M.
Mary Kinney
B. April 27, 1826
D. Aug. 31, 1904

Joseph Ellis
B. Sept. 16, 1855
D. Nov. 27, 1933
M.
Harriet Greenlee
B. July 1, 1858
D.

Rosina Ellis
B. Sept. 16, 1855
D. Jan. 31, 1919
M. Aug. , 1894
Archie Northrup
B.
D.

SKETCH OF BENJAMIN FORD ELLIS

BENJAMIN Ford Ellis, the oldest child of John and Susan Ann Ellis, was born October 4, 1825, in Mayfield, Somerset County, Maine and died January 2, 1914 at the home of his daughter, Mary Melvin, in Meadville, Pennsylvania. He was eighty-eight years old.

Benjamin's early life was spent on the farm which his father had cleared in the Maine wilderness. He probably helped to haul the logs into heaps for burning, and it is likely also that he aided in putting in such crops as the barren soil would produce, such as spring wheat, corn and potatoes.

We know, from a recent visit to Mayfield, that agricultural operations of a profitable nature must have been very discouraging in that part of the Pine Tree State, since there is not now a single clearing along the public road between Mayfield and Kingsbury, five miles away. The soil is rocky and fit only for the growth of pulpwood for the paper mills on the Kennebec river.

The old road, on which John Ellis lived, was abandoned many years ago, and such cleared land as then existed has since grown up with a rank growth of white birch, scrub oak and maples. There was a one-room school and two or three houses at Mayfield, but no post office, and what had once been quite a populous little community is now merely a small hamlet at the forks of the road. The school which the older Ellis children attended during the winter months was indifferently taught, and the schooling received was of the most limited nature, consisting of reading, writing, spelling and elementary arithmetic.

The life of a small boy amidst such surroundings afforded little in the way of amusement, but such as there was made a lasting impression upon Ben's youthful memory. There was one incident in particular which he always remembered and loved to relate in after-years, how he had once caught a large pickerel by the tail through a hole in the ice. Ford's Pond (now Kingsbury) was not far away, and it was here probably that the catch was made. A deep hole had been cut in thick ice through which to fish. There was a small opening at the bottom and a pool of water above. The fish had been hooked and brought to the surface but got loose and floundered around in the pool. Fearing that it might make its escape, Ben stooped down and thrust his hands into the opening, then when the fish accidentally slapped him in the face with its tail, he seized it in his teeth and hauled it out on solid ice.

Ben was only sixteen years of age when the Ellis family left Maine. Two years were spent on a farm near Sugar Grove, Warren County, Pennsylvania, and eight years on a rented farm near Turnersville, in Crawford County, Pennsylvania. In the meantime he had grown to manhood and learned a trade, that of wagon and carriage builder, and was prepared to settle down and earn a living for himself and family. He married Mary Kinney, of Hartstown, Pennsylvania, and it was in this place that he established a business of his own. His entire life, with the exception of nearly three years in the service of his country during the Civil War, was spent in Hartstown. Here his children were born and grew to manhood and womanhood. Both he and his wife are buried in the Hartstown cemetery.

Benjamin was the father of four children, as follows:

- I Leroy Elbert Ellis, the oldest child of Benjamin and Mary (Kinney) Ellis, was born August 6, 1849, in Hartstown, Pa., and died February 26, 1872, in Pittsburg, Pa., where he contracted the small pox. He was not yet twenty three years of age.
- II Mary, the second child of Benjamin and Mary (Kinney) Ellis, was born September 27, 1851, in Hartstown, Pa. She was married June 24, 1873 to Arthur Melvin, of Greenville, Pa. He was born October 26, 1847, and died January 23, 1903. Eight children were born to the union, as follows:
 - 1 Mary Bertha Melvin, the eldest, was born May 23, 1874, in Hartstown, Pa., and died January 10, 1910. She was married August 10, 1898 to Michael Gartner. He was born July 21, 1872. There are three children, as follows:
 - a Mary Frances Gartner, born September 28, 1899. She was married September 20, 1923 to Ralph Francis Gigone. He was born August 28, 1896. They have two children, as follows:

Madeline Lois Gigone, born May 15, 1927.
James Gigone, born May 29, 1934.
 - b Benjamin Ellis Gartner, born July 6, 1901. He was married July 15, 1925 to Dorothy Jaqueline Chapin. She was born April 22, 1903. They have one child, as follows:

Patricia Rose Gartner, born April 13, 1926.
 - c Helen Rose Gartner, born June 26, 1903.

- 2 Samuel Arthur Melvin, born August 28, 1875. He was married September 11, 1907 to Suzanne Mechterscheiner. She was born April 17, 1879. They have no children. Samuel is proprietor of a garage and service station in Meadville, Pa.
- 3 Leroy Myron Melvin, born July 6, 1878 as a twin brother of Myra, was married March 15, 1904 to Addie E. Miller. She was born May 10, 1887. Leroy died February 12, 1934 leaving five children, as follows:
 - a Walter Edward Melvin, born March 9, 1906, was married April 12, 1932 to Gertrude Paulain. She was born October 20, 1909. They have one child, a son.
Dwayne Patrick Melvin, born March 31, 1935.
 - b Mary Gertrude Melvin, born August 19, 1907, was married August 29, 1925 to Joseph Knight. He was born May 28, 1906, and resides at 3905 E. 50th St., Maywood, California. They have four children, as follows:
Clarence Joseph Knight, born August 3, 1926.
Joanne Virginia Knight, born June 15, 1931.
Melvin Wilbur Knight, born December 25, 1932.
Jerry Leroy Knight, born August 14, 1934.
 - c Maude Bessie Melvin, born August 5, 1909, was married September 6, 1930 to John Colecchi, a musician. He was born June 26, 1908. They have one child, as follows:
Sylvia Ann Colecchi, Born December 28, 1933.
 - d James Leroy Melvin, born September 8, 1913, was married October, 9, 1933 to Bonnie Laftis, born August 22, 1914. They have one child:
Barbara Jean Melvin, born May 29, 1934.
 - e Bertha Louise Melvin, born June 15, 1919.
- 4 Myra Luella Melvin, born July 6, 1878, is a twin sister of Leroy. She was Married January 11, 1900 to Rev. J. J. Kuhn. He was born December 12, 1876. They have no children.
- 5 Benjamin Arthur Melvin, born December 26, 1880, was married July 4, 1901 to Lillian E. Hilgendorf. She was born August 15, 1880. They have two children, as follows:

- a Marian Melvin, born March 5, 1903. She was married September 1, 1920 to Marion J. Sutley. He was born June 1, 1900. They have three children, as follows:
 - Alice Isabelle Sutley, born August 22, 1921.
 - Virginia Mae Sutley, born May 16, 1926.
 - Geraldine Ann Sutley, born June 17, 1928.
- b Bertha Rose Melvin, born December 24, 1904. She was married January 3, 1925 to Carl E. Grubaugh. He was born August 24, 1900. They have one child.
 - Shirley Patricia Grubaugh, born September 15, 1925.
- 6 Thomas Vaughn Melvin, born September 16, 1882. He was married April 6, 1901 to Minnie Chase. She was born December 21, 1884, and died March 3, 1908, leaving two children, as follows:
 - a Leroy Melvin, born September 1, 1903, died July 8, 1921.
 - b Margaret Melvin, born July 6, 1905. Margaret is married but no further information could be obtained.Thomas V. Melvin was married a second time to Minnie Baer July 10, 1926. She was born October 30, 1897. They have one child, as follows:
 - a Alfred Duane Melvin, born June 24, 1931.
- 7 Maude Rose Melvin, born October 26, 1884, and died May 5, 1907. She was married October 1, 1903 to John W. Skeel. He was born September 4, 1885. There were three children as follows:
 - a James Barnard Skeel, born April 16, 1904, died March 2, 1910.
 - b Mary Emma Skeel, born October 16, 1905. She was married May 4, 1929 to Herbert H. March. He was born December 5, 1903. They have one child, as follows:
 - Robert Hugh March, born August 17, 1933.
 - c Rosina Elbertina Skeel, born March 24, 1907. She was married April 19, 1929 to Leroy Thompson. He was born May 23, 1909. They have no children.
- 8 Herbert Alvin Melvin, born November 16, 1886. He was married December 21, 1907 to Elsie Boone. She was born August 9, 1889. They have one child, as follows:

- a Emma Belle Melvin, born August 24, 1908. She was married November 8, 1926 to William A. Harshaw. He was born September 11, 1907. They have two children, as follows:

Peggy Lou Harshaw, born August 27, 1927.

Geraldine Marie Harshaw, born December 24, 1928.

III Joseph Ellis, born September 16, 1855, was married to Harriet Greenlee. She was born July 1, 1858. Joseph died November 27, 1933, at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, leaving three children, as follows:

- 1 Harry E. Ellis, born September 18, 1881. Unmarried. At the outbreak of the Spanish American War, Harry enlisted at Akron, Ohio, April 14, 1899, and was sent to Presidio Post at San Francisco, California, where he was assigned to Troop F, 4th U. S. Cavalry. After a brief training period, his regiment was embarked on the Transport Sheridan for the Phillipines. Here he took part in an out-post engagement near San Mateo and then started on Lawton's advance northward. At San Fernando, he was transferred to Troop M of the same regiment and participated in a number of engagements with the natives, in one of which he was directly under the command of Gen. Joe Wheeler, of Civil War fame. When the 4th Cavalry came home, he transferred to Troop G of the 15th Cavalry at Zamboango, Mindanao. Here he became a Corporal and took part in the first expedition ever to cross the island, a hike through almost impenetrable jungles for a distance of 170 miles. He was honorably discharged as Corporal at Santa Mesa, P. I. June 17th, 1902, and returned to the United States on the Transport Warren.
- 2 Rose Ellis, born November 23, 1884, is a successful teacher in the Cleveland Elementary Schools. She resides with her mother and brother at 1186 Avondale Rd., South Euclid, O.
- 3 Grace Emma Ellis, born May 13, 1887, was married November 23, 1904 to Henry Edward Klinkle. He was born November 9, 1881. They have one child, as follows:
 - a Harriet Naomi Klinkle, born February 3, 1907. She was married August 20, 1924 to Charles Park Arter.

He was born October 15, 1893. They have three children, as follows:

Richard Park Arter, born January 29, 1926.

Wm. Thomas Arter, born February 7, 1928.

Harry Edward Arter, born June 26, 1930.

IV Rose E. Ellis, twin of Joseph, was born September 16, 1885, and died January 31, 1910. She was married to Archibald R. Northrop at Warren, Pa. They had no children.

MILITARY SERVICE OF BENJAMIN AND ENOCH ELLIS

Benjamin and Enoch were members of the same company in the Civil War. They were mustered into the service August 30, 1862, at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Benjamin was promoted to 1st Sgt., May 12, 1865. The brothers were in Lincoln's body guard until the end of the war. They were mustered out June 15, 1865.

The 150th Regiment of Pennsylvania, Vol. Inf. proceeded to Washington and was immediately assigned to guard duty in and about the city. Company K in which Ben and Enoch served was stationed at the Soldiers Home, the summer residence of the President. This company continued to act as the President's body guard until after the assassination of Mr. Lincoln.

The Home was situated about three miles north of the White House. The buildings were of stone, and President Lincoln and his family occupied the mansion during the summer months, returning to the White House during the colder months of the year. To keep constant guard, night and day, of this residence and the White House was the duty which Company K was required to perform. Capt. Derickson, its commander, accompanied the President morning and evening to and from the White House, whither the president went daily for the transaction of business. Such intimate contact with the president and his family, including "Tad," who was the idol of Mr. Lincoln, as well as the soldiers, bred a feeling of deep respect and lasting friendship. The company came to be regarded as a part of his official family.

At one time a strong desire was felt that this company should be ordered to the front, as the strength and efficiency of the regiment was, in a measure, impaired by its absence. The order was vetoed by

the president, who decided that so long as it should be deemed necessary for "any guard to remain, none would be more satisfactory than that of Capt. Derickson and his company." Consequently the company remained on duty alternately, winter and summer, at the White House and the Soldiers Home, until the expiration of its term of enlistment, June 15, 1865, when it was mustered out.—History of Pennsylvania, Vol. 4,—Bates.

The roster of this favored company contains the names of at least six men with whom I was personally acquainted when a youngster about town. They were all residents of Hartstown. They were:

Capt. Thomas Getchel

1st Lieut. Lyman M. Kilgore

1st Sgt. Benjamin F. Ellis

Enoch F. Ellis

John N. Waid

Martin L. Wright

The latter you will recognize as the oldest member of Keziah's children. He was mustered into the service March 7, 1864, when only 17 years of age.

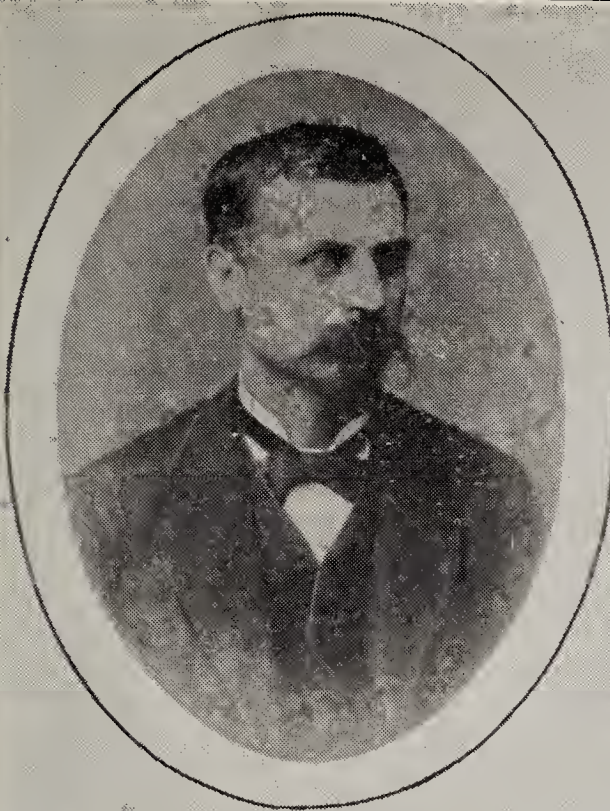
CHAPTER II

GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

Kezia (Ellis) Wright Branch

This record includes the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Kezia (Ellis) Wright, the second child of John and Susan Ann (Ford) Ellis, of Mayfield, Somerset County, Maine.

The genealogy was compiled from reports received from the living descendants, and is as accurate as it is possible to make it at the present time.



Martin Wright



Alice McChesney



Charles McChesney



Clinton McChesney

Kezia's Family

Martin L. Wright
B. Oct. 5, 1847
D. Feb. 20, 1888
M. June 26, 1873
Jane Evans Lynch
B. May 30, 1852
D.

Clinton Wright
B. Dec. 6, 1848
D. Unknown

Keziah Ellis
B. July 7, 1827
D. July 12, 1894
M. May 19, 1846
John Wright
B. Mar. 8, 1824
D. Feb. 14, 1856

Alice Wright
B. Sept. 17, 1850
D.
M. Dec. 24, 1867

Thos. McChesney
B. 1835
D. 1909
Flora A. Wright
B. Jan. 7, 1852
D. Feb. 3, 1866

Military Service:

Martin L. Wright, Civil War, Co. K. 150 Reg. P. V. I.
Thos. McChesney, Civil War, Co. B. 76 Reg. P. V. I.

SKETCH OF KEZIA ELLIS WRIGHT

KEZIA Ellis, the second child of John and Susan Ann Ellis, was born July 7, 1827, in Mayfield, Somerset County, Maine. Her early life was spent in her native state, helping her mother to take care of the house and the smaller children. There was a school near by, which she attended during the winter months, and obtained a meager education, consisting of reading, writing and arithmetic, together with some geography, which included little more than committing to memory the names of the states and their capitols. These were sung in concert, as was the custom in those days, somewhat in the following manner:

Maine, Augusta, on the Kennebec,
New Hampshire, Concord, on the Merrimac,
Vermont, Montpelier, on the Onion, etc.

When only thirteen years old, Kezia came with the family to Pennsylvania in a covered wagon, and for the next five years lived on a farm near Turnersville, Pennsylvania.

At the early age of nineteen, May 19, 1846, she was married to John Wright, a wheelwright by trade, and immediately went to housekeeping in Jamestown, where he had a shop and engaged in the manufacture and repair of wheels and wheeled vehicles. The excellence of his workmanship is attested by the spinning wheel which he made and presented to his mother-in-law soon after he was married. This wheel is still in existence and graces a corner in the living room of her great grand daughter, Florence Miller Willison.

About 1855, John and Kezia sold their Jamestown property and went west on the advice and earnest solicitation of a younger brother, Philander Coburn. They took up a tract of land near Meringo, Iowa, on the banks of the Mississippi, but the location was unhealthy, and John took sick and died of typhoid fever, February 14, 1856, at the early age of thirty-two years. (See sketch of Enoch's life, written by his son). Kezia immediately returned to Pennsylvania with her little family of four children. She learned the milliner trade and opened up a shop in Hartstown, where she resided for a number of years earning a living for herself and little ones. She afterwards conducted a shop in Sharon, but late in life again returned to Hartstown, where she died July 12, 1894, at the age of 67 years.

Four children were born to John and Kezia Wright, as follows:

- I Martin L. Wright, born October 5, 1847. He was married June 26, 1873 to Jane Evans Lynch. She was born May 30, 1852. Martin died February 20, 1888, in Wheeling, W. Va., leaving six children, four of whom died at an early age. They are as follows:
 - 1 Harry Wright, born May 20, 1874, died August 21, 1895.
 - 2 Flora Wright, born August 17, 1876. She was married June 17, 1903 to Robert Emmett Saul, of Richmond, Va. He was born October 29, 1869, and died , 1934, leaving one child, as follows:
 - a Dorothy Saul, born January 31, 1906. She was married October 16, 1926 to John C. Williams. He was born May 22, 1903. They have two children, as follows:
 - Dorothy Latane Williams, born May 12, 1928.
 - Jane Campbell Williams, born May 2, 1932.
 - 3 Grace Wright, born July 9, 1878. She was married December 28, 1914 to Bertram G. Smith. He was born October 7, 1876. There is one child:
 - a Dorothy Evans Smith, born September 21, 1919.
 - 4 Lena Wright, born October 10, 1879, died October 14, 1882.
 - 5 Gilbert Wright, born December 1, 1880, died October 11, 1882.
 - 6 Mildred Wright, born December 1, 1883, died September 20, 1904.
- II Clinton Wright, born December 6, 1848. Clint was several times married but we have been unable to get reliable statistics regarding his children. Neither do we have the date of his death, which occurred a number of years ago. At last reports, there were two children still living, John and Emma. The latter entered the theatrical profession and became a pedestal dancer under the assumed name of Lillian Wright. She married a man by the name of Brown, and advertised as Brown Brothers and Lillian Wright.
- III Alice Wright, born September 17, 1850. She was married December 24, 1867 to Thomas McChesney, of Sharon, Pa. There were four children, as follows:
 - 1 Frank C. McChesney, born 1868, died 1871.
 - 2 Charles W. McChesney, born January 16, 1872. He was

married April 7, 1904 to Beatrice Clark, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

3 Clinton L. McChesney, born July 5, 1875. He was married June 12, 1912 to Florence Clark.

4 John McChesney, born 1881, died the same year.

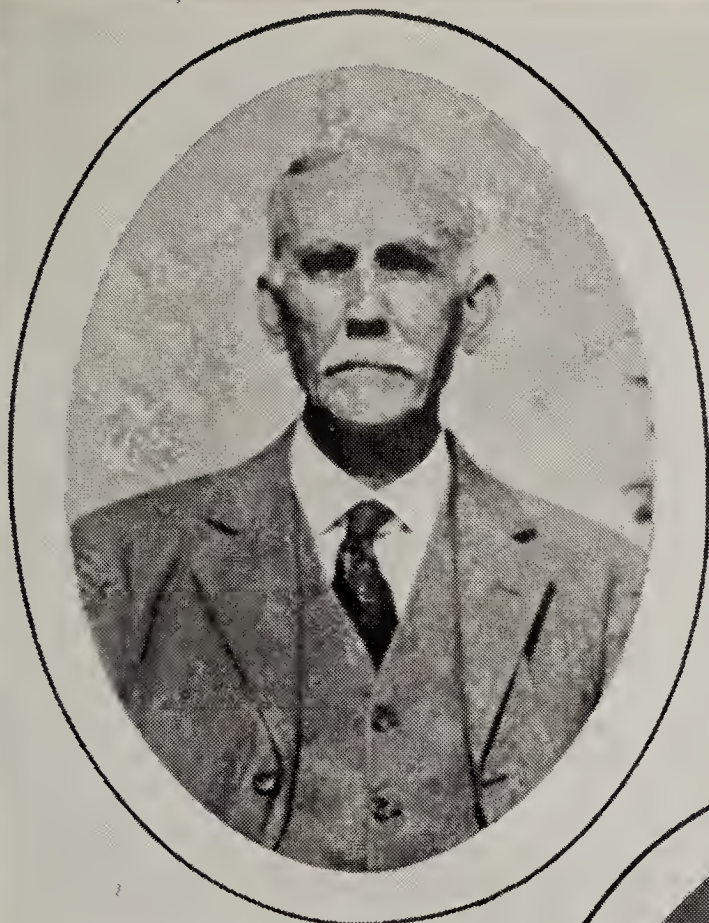
IV Flora A. Wright, born January 7, 1852, died February 3, 1866.

CHAPTER III

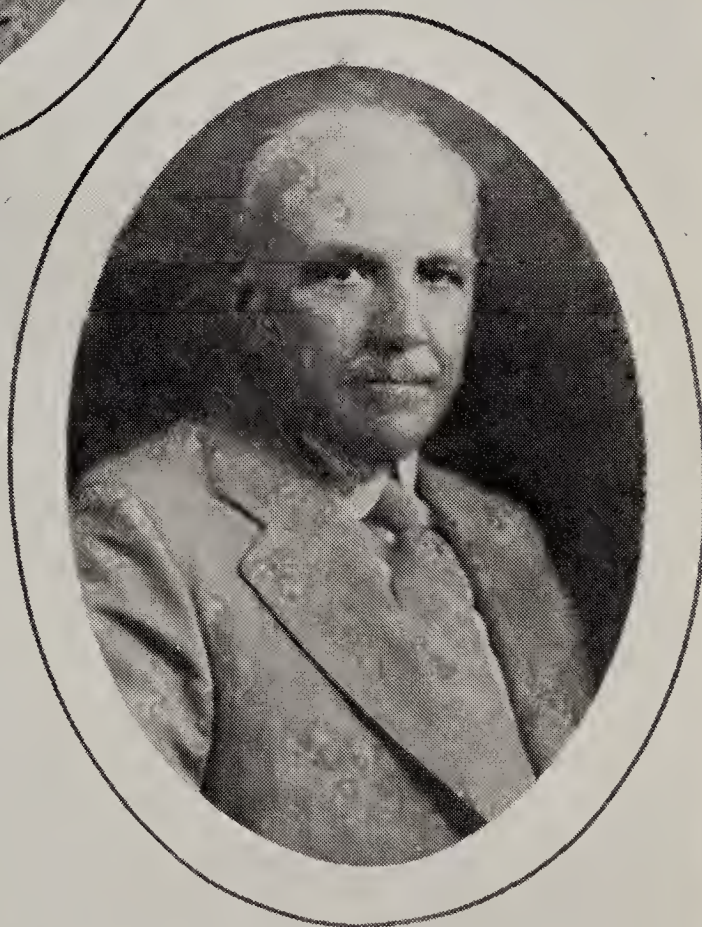
GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

Silence Ford Ellis Branch

This record includes the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Silence Ford (Ellis) Miller, the third child of John and Susan Ann (Ford) Ellis, of Mayfield, Maine, and Hartstown, Pennsylvania.



Myron
M. Miller



Milo H. Miller

Silence's Children

Myron Manson Miller
 B. Feb. 22, 1859
 D.
 M. Aug. 24, 1882
 Sarah Mitchell
 B. Mar. 28, 1861
 D.

Silence Ford Ellis
 B. Nov. 16, 1828
 D. Dec. 4, 1899
 M. Jan. 29, 1857
 Samuel K. Miller
 B. May 14, 1822
 D. April 23, 1896

Milo Meade Miller
 B. Sept. 4, 1863
 D.
 M. Oct. 18, 1894
 Maude Stuart Moriarty
 B. Mar. 21, 1870
 D.

Military Service:

Samuel K. Miller, Civil War, Co. K. 211 Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf.

SILENCE MILLER

SILENCE Ford Ellis, the third child of John and Susan Ann Ellis, was born November 16, 1828, in Mayfield, Somerset County, Maine. Her early life was spent in her native state, where she attended the district school during the winter months. Here she managed to learn to read and write and cast accounts. The schools of that day were poor and the teaching indifferent, so the opportunity to secure even an elementary education was almost entirely lacking.

During the summer of 1841, when Silence was only twelve years old, the family emigrated to Pennsylvania in a covered wagon drawn by four horses, and for the next ten years lived on a rented farm near Turnersville.

At the age of twenty eight, January 29, 1857, she was married to Samuel K. Miller by the Rev. John Nevins. They went to house-keeping on what was known as the "Poverty Point Place" in East Fallowfield twp. Crawford County. Here father tried farming but the soil was poorly adapted to cultivation, and, after a single year, the place was abandoned. Father and mother now made their home with John Ellis in the "Old Red House," and it was here that their first child, Myron Manson Miller, was born, February 22, 1859.

About this time he purchased five acres of rich bottom land, down on the public road, giving a horse valued at \$125 for the same. Father was a cabinet maker by trade but he could also do carpentering, so during the summer of 1859, he built a snug little story-and-a-half house on one corner of the little farm, and moved into it that fall. The next season he built a shop on the side hill near by and began to work at his trade again. The house is still standing, though since remodeled. It was in this house that the writer of this genealogy was born, September 4, 1863.

Our little family now consisted of four persons, including the two boys. Father worked at his trade during the winter months, and raised corn, beans, potatoes, and garden vegetables in the summer time. He also kept a horse and cow and some pigs and chickens.

The ten years from 1859 to 1869, when we removed to Hartstown, were among the happiest years in their married life. There was work a plenty for both the parents and a good living for the little family. Father was a skilled mechanic and mother was a model housekeeper, so there was everything to be thankful for, including good health and the best of neighbors.

During the summer of 1869, father purchased a lot in Hartstown and built a two-story frame shop, in which to ply his trade. The town furnished better opportunities for his business, and there was a better school for the children, so in the fall of that year, the family was moved into an old house on Main street near the center of the village. The place was not very comfortable during the winter, but we managed to keep from freezing, and in the spring of 1870, purchased a larger house on the opposite side of the street. This house stood one corner of a lot 132 feet square, thus allowing considerable vacant ground for cultivation. It was a large, one-story structure with an attic, and very much out of repair. Father immediately set to work with his accustomed vigor to fit it up for the family, and before long converted the building into a comfortable, roomy home.

Mother spent the remaining years of her life in Hartstown among relatives and friends, and died December 4, 1899, at the age of 71 years. Father had died three years earlier. They are both buried in Hartstown Cemetery.

I Myron Manson Miller, the eldest child, was born February 22, 1859 in the Old Red House of John Ellis near Hartstown, Pa. He was married August 24, 1882 to Sarah, daughter of John and Margaret (Luce) Mitchell, of Hartstown. She was born March 28, 1861. Three children were born to the union, as follows:

- 1 Rollin Steen Miller, born June 23, 1883, died April 9, 1887.
- 2 Samuel Marcus Miller, born April 8, 1889 in Hartstown, Pa. He was married August 27, 1910 to Lucy Violet Adsit, daughter of Edward and Cassie (Weber) Adsit, of East Fallowfield Twp., Crawford County, Pa. She was born November 10, 1890, and died April 18, 1923 in Knoxville, Pittsburgh, Pa., leaving one child, as follows:

a Kenneth Marcus Miller, born February 4, 1912.

Samuel Marcus Miller was married a second time, August 30, 1924 to Dora Elizabeth Lakin. She was born October 15, 1891. They have one child as follows:

b Marilyn June Miller, born June 9, 1925.

- 3 James Milo Miller was born November 3, 1893 in Hartstown. He was married July 5, 1922 to Adelaide England, of Pittsburg, Pa. She was born October 28, 1897. James served his country in France during the World War with the

304 Field Artillery, which took part in the advance on the Verdun sector near Rhiems, and known as the battle of Argonne. He is a graduate of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Electrical Engineering Department, and at present is an employee of the Westinghouse Electric Company. His home is in Irwin, Pa. He has four children, as follows:

- a Shirley Alene Miller, born October 23, 1923.
- b Janice Irene Miller, born December 11, 1927.
- c Myron Marcus Miller, born April 9, 1932.
- d Carol Mae Miller, born May 3, 1934.

II Milo H. Miller, the second child, was born September 4, 1863, near Hartstown, Pa. He was married October 18, 1894 to Maude Stuart Moriarty, daughter of Dennis Daniel and Cynthia Jane (MacDonald) Moriarty. She was born March 21, 1870 in Em-lenton, Pa. There are two children, as follows:

- 1 Florence Imogene Miller, born January 9, 1896, was married November 25, 1919 to James Russell Willison, son of Addison A. and May (Smouse) Willison, of Morewood avenue, Pittsburgh. He was born September 13, 1895. They have one child:
 - a Robert Miller Willison, born October 29, 1920.
- 2 Ellis MacDonald Miller, born December 2, 1905, Knoxville, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PS. Mr. Willison is secretary of the Wilkinsburg Real Estate and Trust Company. He lives at 511 S. Richland Lane, Pittsburgh, Pa. Ellis Miller is sales promotion manager for the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company in Omaha, Nebraska.

MILITARY SERVICE OF THE MILLER FAMILY

Samuel K. Miller, Civil War. Co. K, 211 Reg. Pa. vol. Inf.

James Milo Miller, World War. 304 Field Artillery, A. E. F.

James R. Willison, World War. Ensign in U. S. Navy (Retired)

Ellis MacD. Miller ROTC. 1st Lieut. 508 Coast Artillery.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF MYRON M. MILLER

Myron M. Miller, the oldest son of Samuel K. and Silence F. Miller, was born February 22, 1859, in the Old Red House of grandfather John Ellis about three-quarters of a mile south of Hartstown, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. His early life was spent in the country, where his father owned a small tract of land on the Perry Highway, and here Myron resided until he was ten years old, when the family moved to Hartstown.

The days in the country were helpful in shaping his early life by daily contact with nature and the activities of the home. He became familiar with the domestic animals and learned how to care for the pigs and chickens, the horse and the cow. He learned to do chores and run errands for his father and mother, and to make himself useful in many ways about the place. There was a small stream flowing through the meadow below the house, and it was here that he learned how to catch minnows with a hook and line and to spear suckers with a long handled gig. Then there was the winter season with its skating and coasting. He never forgot the winter of 1864-65 when the housekeeper Mary Davis took him to the top of Dow's hill for a ride over the crusted snow. Father was in the army and mother was caring for the baby, so bundling up the five year old lad she started for the hilltop for a quick descent over the glistening snow.

There was one other incident of those early days in the country which made a lasting impression upon his youthful mind. That was the sudden fall of the wooden bridge that spanned the stream on the public road. Here he had been playing with John Ellis beneath the bridge during a long summer afternoon when the water was low. The span was supported at each end with two or more hewn logs. These had become undermined by recent rains, and it fell with a crash just after the boys had reached a place of safety. A moment before would have been fatal. I shall never forget my mother's distressed cry when she heard the crash and realized what had happened. She ran down to the fallen bridge expecting to find the boys beneath its timbers. Imagine her joy when she discovered that they had escaped unhurt.

Myron's education was received at Randolph's school in the country and at the boro school in town. He received a good common school education in the old academy on the hill, for the school was taught in those early days by some of the most capable teachers to be obtained.

Hartstown was a prosperous little village at the foot of the Reservoir that supplied the Beaver and Erie Canal with water for the levels below. Besides a number of shops and stores, there was a saw mill and a barrel factory, as well as two or three carriage and wagon makers establishments. These varied activities furnished the necessary stimulus to the rising generation, so there is little wonder that the town boy's mind was turned to the learning of a trade. That opportunity came to Myron when he was twenty one years olds. With father's assistance a shop was built on one corner of the town lot, and under the guidance of Joe Ellis he learned the harness making trade. His apprenticeship ended, he set up a business of his own and for many years continued to work at the trade, first in the shop where he learned the trade and later in father's shop which was moved to the same site.

Father had served as postmaster under Hayes, Garfield and Arthur, from August 6, 1876 to March 4, 1885, with Myron as his assistant. Father lost the office when Cleveland was elected the first time but upon McKinley's accession to the presidency in 1897, Myron became postmaster in Hartstown, and he has served that community continuously ever since—a period of thirty-eight years.

Few men in any community ever merited the honor and respect of their fellow citizens more than has Myron Miller. He has been a resident of Hartstown for over sixty years. He has served the boro as school director, member of council, tax collector and town clerk, besides filling many other minor offices. He has been a lifelong Republican, and cast his first electoral vote for James A. Garfield in the fall of 1880. He is a member of the M. E. church in Hartstown and has been active in its business affairs. Recently this church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary and Myron prepared and read a very interesting description of its construction. He is a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity.

Just fifty years ago last August Myron M. Miller was united in marriage to Sarah Mitchell, daughter of John and Margaret (Luce) Mitchell, by the Rev. T. P. Warner, then pastor of the M. E. church. Mr. Miller is the father of three children, Rollin, who died at an early age, Marcus and James. Marcus has two children, a boy and a girl. James has four children, three girls and a boy. Marcus now lives in Linesville, Pennsylvania and is in the employ of the state in

the park service after the Pymatuning Swamp irrigation project was finished.

James is an electrical engineer in the employ of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His home is in Irwin.

The good people of Hartstown and vicinity recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Miller's wedding in a most fitting manner. They planned and carried out a surprise for them upon their return from a trip to Linesville for a hotel dinner. The parlors of the U. P. church were tastefully decorated for the occasion with fall flowers and red, white and blue streamers. The bride's table was attractively adorned with flowers, the centerpiece being a bride's cake.

As they entered the church wedding bells were rung. After their recovery from the surprise they were showered with congratulations. Later the guests were seated and delicious refreshments were served. After the hearty repast Rev. J. A. Hazlett, acting as toastmaster, called upon several old friends, who responded in a fitting manner. Mr. and Mrs. Miller received many pretty gifts and a purse of money as a token of the friendship of the one hundred and sixty persons present. The happy couple thanked all who participated in a few well chosen sentences. Shaw and Patten furnished the music for the occasion, consisting of old-time melodies played upon the violin and guitar.

Myron M. Miller is still active and well at the age of seventy six this 22nd of February, 1935, having been born on Washington's birthday, February 22, 1859. He is still postmaster in the little village and does some gardening during the summer months. His home is situated on the Perry Highway near the center of town, and is one of the showspots of the town, being surrounded by a shady lawn bordered with a profusion of flowers.

died, Hartstown, Sept, 1949.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF MILO MEADE MILLER

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"A visit to the office of Prof. Miller and a chat with him in his pleasant home in Knoxville are sufficient to dispel any idea that this charming community is without culture or men of ability interested in its educational progress and development. Mr. Miller has given some of the best years of an active and useful life to the cause of education, and has attained more than local distinction as an educator.

"Professor Miller is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born near Hartstown, Crawford County, September 4, 1863. His early education was received in the public schools of his native town and at the Edinboro State Normal School, where he graduated in 1887. Later he matriculated in the Post Graduate Department of Allegheny College at Meadville and pursued the course leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In 1889 he attended the College of Liberal Arts at Chataqua under the direction of Dr. William R. Harper, President of the University of Chicago.

"After graduating at Edinboro, he became principal of the Miles Grove, Pa. public schools, where he remained one year, thoroughly organizing and grading the schools under his control.

"In 1888 he was elected principal of Public Schools at Girard, Pa. Here he remained two years, leaving the schools in the most flourishing condition.

"In 1890 he accepted the principalship of the Walnut Street Public School at McKeesport, Pa., where he remained nine years. Here was inaugurated, and has since been successfully maintained, an original and thoroughly effective system of teaching, which has made this school conspicuous in a thickly settled county where many men of eminent ability are carrying on the work of education. He put into operation in the upper grades of his school the faculty system of instruction, which has proved so successful that the Board of Education introduced it into the other schools of the city. One teacher takes charge of the teaching of language, music and reading, and teaches these subjects in five rooms during the day, while another teacher takes physiology, physical culture and writing, another geography and spelling; another arithmetic, and another history. By this system, every teacher becomes a specialist in the subjects taught, and the results are far more satisfactory than those formerly obtained

when one teacher conducted recitations in a dozen different branches. It is stated that sixty percent of the pupils graduating from the McKeesport High School were prepared in the Walnut Street School.

"In 1889, Professor Miller was called to the principalship of the Knoxville Public Schools, which under his able management, have become known throughout the country for their thorough work. At that time there were ten teachers in the elementary and high school and a total of less than 500 pupils. The community, however, has been rapidly developing and the schools have grown so rapidly it has been necessary for the Board of Education to erect a High School for the accomodation of the students from Knoxville, Mt. Oliver and Baldwin township.

"Professor Miller is an educator of broad and liberal education, pleasing address, excellent social qualities, varied experience, and unimpeachable character. Strong in discipline, prompt in execution, skillful in producing perfect system, capable in management, and successful in securing the hearty co-operation of his teachers, he possesses in an eminent degree every qualification essential in the composition of a successful school principal.

"He is a member of the Knoxville Presbyterian Church and a number of literary and fraternal organizations. He takes an interest in every movement having for its aim the advancement of the cause of education. He is president of the Pennsylvania Schoolmasters Club, and secretary of the Allegheny County Principals' Round Table. He is a close student of pedagogical methods and as a school organizer and manager has few equals in Western Pennsylvania."

PS.—Mr. Miller retired from the teaching profession in June 1933 after fifty years of almost continuous service in the cause of education. His home is still in Knoxville but his winters have recently been spent in Southern California.

CHAPTER IV

GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

Abner Ford Ellis Branch

This table of generations is made up from reports received from the living representatives of Abner's family, and is believed to be correct. If any errors or omissions are found, they may be due to a failure to respond to letters of inquiry.

The record includes the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Abner Ellis, the fourth child of John and Susan Ann (Ford) Ellis, of Mayfield, Maine, and Hartstown, Pennsylvania.



Susan McCurdy



Jane Herriott



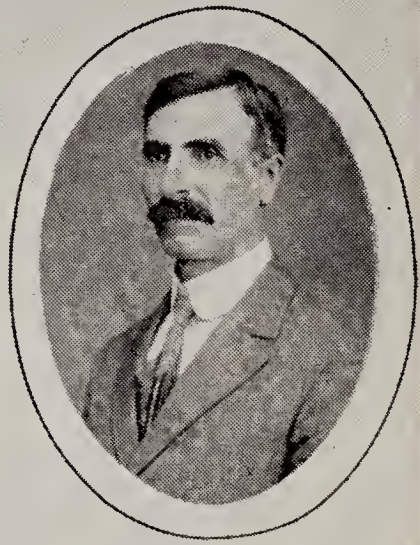
Descartus Ellis



Vestine Davis



Barton Ellis



Charles Ellis



Alta Moore



Flora Blair



Fred Ellis

Abner's Children

Susan Ann Ellis
B. Jan. 9, 1857
D. Feb. 23, 1931
M.

Jane Ellis
B. Mar. 22, 1859
D. May 9, 1922

Descartes Ellis
B. Jan. 24, 1861
D.

Vestine Ellis
B. Aug. 12, 1862
D. Jan. 15, 1930

Abner Ellis
B. Mar. 30, 1830
D. Sept. 16, 1907
M. Jan. 9, 1856
Margaret Rudy
B. Dec. 6, 1831
D. Sept. 25, 1912

Barton Ellis
B. Sept. 5, 1863
D.

Charles Ellis
B. June 4, 1866
D. Oct. 4, 1930

Alta A. Ellis
B. April 29, 1868
D. Jan. 27, 1934

Flora Ellis
B. Oct. 6, 1870
D.

James Ellis
B. April 26, 1872
D. Jan. 12, 1898

Fred Ellis
B. June 12, 1877
D.

SKETCH OF ABNER ELLIS

ABNER, the fourth child of John and Susan Ann Ellis, was born in Mayfield, Maine, March 30, 1830, and died at his residence about one mile south of Hartstown, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1907, at the age of 77. He was buried in the McMichael graveyard in East Fallowfield Township.

Abner was said to resemble his father in several respects. He was solidly built, quiet in manner, even in temper, slow of speech, and naturally religious in temperament. Personally he was about five feet eight inches tall, thick set, dark in complexion with black hair and honest brown eyes. He was a pure and noble Christian gentleman, and commanded the respect of all who came in contact with him in a business way. He was a member of the Hartstown Methodist Episcopal Church for many years and served its official board. His house was a house of prayer. He carried his religious principles into all the conduct of his life, and was widely known for his integrity and reliability.

As a farmer he possessed unusual qualities. He was perhaps the most industrious man in the neighborhood yet never seemed to be in a hurry. He worked deliberately and seemed to take infinite pleasure in the performance of every task. He cared little for profit, but was rewarded by the constant labor of his hands. He had not too much land to till, nor too much work to do. Farming was his amusement. He planted with care and in due season, and no farm in the township was more carefully cultivated. His garden was a model of neatness and his vegetables the earliest in the neighborhood.

In the fall, his barn floor was piled high with cornstocks ready for the husking, and here he sat amidst the yellow stalks on chilly days quietly engaged in husking out the yellow ears. Thus he amused himself as a child with his playthings. I well remember a husking bee at his barn and the jolly crowd that attended, also the wonderful dinner served by the women folks when the work was done.

Abner's house stood near the main highway. It was reached by a short lane with a swinging gate at the entrance. An outdoor oven stood near the house, and beyond it was the barn and outbuildings. The eaves of the barn were festooned with mud nests of a colony of eaves swallows, and the rafters within with the nests of barn swallows; and these two varieties continually filled the air with their musical twitterings. I have spent many hours at the home of this uncle

and was always welcome. One more boy amongst his own numerous family never seemed to be a burden to the household, and we amused ourselves on rainy days by hunting hen's nests or tumbling off the great beams into the haymow.

A shallow ravine separated Abner's farm from that of his brother Dow, who still lived in the Old Red House; and a well-worn path connected the two places. Through the narrow ravine flowed a small stream known as Ab's Run. Its banks were bordered by green sloping pastures that provided a favorite playground for the children of the two families. A fine grove of maple trees were planted along the side hills for shade and near the head of the valley was a patch of woodland containing beech, chestnut, and butternut trees, bearing nuts of unusual sweetness.

Abner's family consisted of five sons and five daughters, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. They attended the Randolph district school where they secured a good common school education. The distance in going to and from the school was upwards of a mile across the fields. They carried their lunch baskets and trudged back and forth morning and evening, making the air ring with their childish laughter. At one time, when Abner's and Dow's children were growing up, fully one half of the entire enrollment of the little school were Ellis children.

The writer of this sketch has a vivid recollection of the Randolph school, since it was the first school he ever attended. The building stood on the south side of the Andrews road about one mile west of the main highway. It was a one-room frame building with a playground and outhouses. I was a pupil of the school for only a short time during the fall of 1869 before we moved to Hartstown; but I again attended it in the winter of 1882-83 when it was taught by Andrew Davis, an excellent instructor and disciplinarian, who had been engaged for the purpose on account of his ability to handle the older pupils. He taught an excellent school, and won the respect and admiration of his pupils by his scholarly attainments and forceful personality. A large number of the children were from the Ellis families. Cousins and playmates of mine and of about the same age and mental attainments. I think I never learned more rapidly than that winter term in the old Randolph school, although it was over two miles distant from my home in town where the village school was located.

For many years "Uncle Ab" was a familiar figure on the streets of the little village of Hartstown, which he visited frequently to make small purchases at the grocery or drygoods store or to get the mail. His trips to town were usually made in the cool of the evening after the day's work was done, and he invariably carried a big, square, lantern, made of four panes of glass and lighted by a tallow candle, which smoked and cast a lurid glare. We could see him coming along the muddy highway carrying his "Smoke-House," as the boys called the lantern. Then later in the evening when he was about to return home we learned to recognize his footsteps on the board walk in front of my father's house as he trod by.

In political matters, Abner was an ardent Republican, as indeed were all the Ellis sons. He led a quiet uneventful but useful life, and it might well be said of him that he had not an enemy in the world. He was ever a lover of righteousness and fair-dealing, and he is still remembered by his numerous posterity as a man of sterling principles and upright character.

I Susan Ann Ellis, Abner's oldest child, was born January 9, 1857, and died February 23, 1931, aged 74 years. She was married June 21, 1876 to Wm. Burton McCurdy, who was born September 16, 1851, and died November 29, 1920. Five children were born to the union, as follows:

1 Anna Mabel McCurdy, born May 17, 1877, residence Fredonia, Pa. She was married February 28, 1895 to John Wesley Crawford. He was born April 27, 1872. They have four children, as follows:

a Lillian Viola Crawford, born January 1, 1899, Fredonia, Pa. She was married January 10, 1918 to Chas. S. Gosnell. He was born December 4, 1882. They have six children, as follows:

John Wilson Gosnell, born October 12, 1918.

Richard Leroy Gosnell, born May 28, 1920.

Robert William Gosnell, born May 16, 1924.

Ralph Eugen Gosnell, born June 11, 1928.

Curb Potter Gosnell, born May 30, 1930.

James Stanley Gosnell, born August 20, 1932.

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- b Oscar Burton Crawford, born February 15, 1901. He was married April 30, 1924 to Agatha Agnes German. She was born August 14, 1907. The couple are divorced. He was married a second time to Marian Lillian Hess, on November 24, 1928. She was born September 18, 1909. There are two children, as follows:
 - James Richard Crawford, born June 20, 1925.
 - Ruth Virginia Crawford, born August 20, 1929.
 - c Thomas Rolland Crawford, born May 3, 1903. He was married May 27, 1924 to Margaret Elizabeth Heath. Four children have been born to this union, as follows:
 - Melvin Henry Crawford, born April 8, 1927.
 - Thomas Rolland Crawford, Jr., born August 28, 1928.
 - Mary Elizabeth Crawford, born Aug. 20, 1930—died May 9, 1931.
 - Louise Evelyn Crawford, born March 18, 1932.
 - d Howard Wesley Crawford, born February 5, 1911. Howard is still single, and lives with his parents.
- 2 Bertha Orlean McCurdy, born July 20, 1878, died April 21, 1915, was married May 12, 1897 to Laverne Darrell Calvin. He was born December 14, 1887. They had nine children as follows:
- a Darrell David Calvin, born Aug. 9, 1898, was married Sept. 3, 1919 to Cleo Clarissa Roberts. She was born June 7, 1899. They have four children, as follows:
 - Eugene Darrell Calvin, born August 15, 1920.
 - Laverne William Calvin, born Sept. 18, 1924.
 - Eva June Calvin, born June 23, 1926
 - Margaret Linda Calvin, born April 2, 1928.
 - b Clementine Donzella Calvin, born July 16, 1900, was married Dec. 10, 1919 to Birt Grover Rawson. He was born Sept. 7, 1892. They have two children, as follows:
 - Virginia Marie Rawson, born Aug. 13, 1920.
 - Grover Calvin Rawson, born Nov. 24, 1921.
 - c Clarence Harold Calvin, born November 12, 1901, and died Oct. 28, 1912.
 - d Eva Marie Calvin, born Feb. 19, 1903, was married June 1, 1929 to Clarence I. Kitch. He was born Aug.

15, 1903.

- e Robert McConahey Calvin, born May 31, 1904, was married October 6, 1927 to Maude Blue. She was born Feb. 2, 1907. They have two children, as follows:

Betty Lou Calvin, born April 21, 1929.

Roberta Joanne Calvin, born Dec. 3, 1931.

- f Bessie Lorain Calvin, born Aug. 10, 1905.

- g Evelyn Christina Calvin, born Jan. 21, 1912.

- h John Nelson Calvin, born November 10, 1913, was married July 28, 1932 to Marion Ivene Lane. She was born Sept. 3, 1915.

- i Dorothy Bertha Calvin, born April 16, 1916. On account of her mother's death, Dorothy was taken to raise by Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hornbeck when she was only two months old.

- 3 Roscoe Conklin McCurdy, the third child of Burton and Susie, was born May 29, 1885. He was married April 11, 1906 to Effie Agnes Meade. She was born September 2, 1886. They have four children, as follows:

- a Clair Wilfred McCurdy, born April 4, 1907.

- b Herman George McCurdy, born March 12, 1908.

- c Mae Helen McCurdy, born April 16, 1910.

- d Robert McCurdy, born March 22, 1917.

- 4 Chauncey McCurdy, born Feb. 27, 1886, was married Mar. 25, 1908, to Jennie Miller. They have two children, as follows:

- a Ray Mell McCurdy, born July 26, 1909.

- b Nellie McCurdy, born July 28, 1913; died in 1921.

- 5 Laura McCurdy, born December 25, 1889 and died Oct. 4, 1920, was married Mar. 25, 1911, to Harvey M. Henry. He was born Dec. 21, 1888. They had but one child, a daughter:

- a Elizabeth Henry, born June 4, 1912.

- II Jane Ellis, Abner's second child, was born March 22, 1859 and died May 9, 1922. She was married Nov. 14, 1883 to Albert Herriott. He was born Aug. 10, 1852, and now resides at 57 East St., North East, Pa. Albert and Jane were the parents of seven children, as follows:

- 1 Chloe Herriott, born December 23, 1884, was married Mar. 16, 1918, to a man by the name of Dewey, by whom she had two children, as follows:
 - a Fred Dewey, born July 28, 1903, resides at Coopers-town, Pa.
 - b Eva Dewey, born March 11, 1905, was married July 5, 1930 to Leroy H. Warren, born July 23, 1900. They had three children, as follows:
 - Lois Jean Warren, born May 25, 1928.
 - Helen Elaine Warren, born April 18, 1931.
 - Sarah Jane Warren, born June 5, 1932.
- 2 Addie Herriott, born March 10, 1886, was married Mar. 15, 1907 to Bert Hudson, Dorset, Ohio, born June 2, 1886. They have one child:
 - a Ruby Mae Hudson, born October 9, 1908.
- 3 Dora Herriott, born May 31, 1887, was married Nov. 14, 1919 to George David Leiby, of 158 Meadowbrook Ave., S. E., Warren, Ohio. He was born Oct. 28, 1886. They have no children.
- 4 Elmer E. Herriott, 33 Curtis Pl., Fredonia, N. Y., was born August 16, 1888. He was married June 27, 1922 to Hattie O. Atkins, born July 14, 1900. They have one child.
 - Elmer Warren Herriott, born April 24, 1923.
- 5 Mabel Herriott, born January 1, 1891, was married Feb. 12, 1920 to Clarence W. Elliott, of RFD No. 3, Warren, Ohio. He was born Sept. 26, 1891.
- 6 Lloyd Herriott, born May 13, 1893, was married Oct. 3, 1919 to Edna P. Baltozer, born April 14, 1894. They live at 57 East St., North East, Pa.
- 7 Floyd Herriott, born May 13, 1893, and died March 19, 1896.
 - NB. Eva and Fred Dewey are the children of Mrs. Claude Gehr, of Conneaut Lake, Pa., by a former marriage.

III Descartes Ellis, Hartstown, Pa., was born January 24, 1861. He was married Oct. 18, 1888, to Eva Jackson. She was born Jan. 29, 1863 and died June 24, 1911. They had three children, as follows:

- 1 Clarence A. Ellis, residence Hartstown, Pa., was born July 18, 1889. He was married Oct. 23, 1912 to Blanche M. Hun-

ter, who was born July 12, 1891. They have four children, as follows:

- a Elmer Descartes Ellis, born Sept. 20, 1914.
 - b Marian Clarissa Ellis, born Oct. 17, 1916.
 - c Wilford Clarence Ellis, born Dec. 23, 1919.
 - d Mabel Blanche Ellis, born May 31, 1922.
- 2 Olive M. Ellis, born August 18, 1893, and died March 9, 1913.
- 3 Mildred Ellis, born May 16, 1901, and died Nov. 26, 1931. (See obituary in the appendix). Mildred was married Oct. 18, 1920 to Paul Hughes, of 752 E. Dewey Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. He was born April 30, 1896. They had two children, as follows:
- a Raymond Hughes, born May 8, 1922.
 - b Ellis Huges, born Feb. 7, 1931.

IV Vestine Ellis, born Aug. 12, 1862, and died January 15, 1930. She was married November 15, 1882 to Leslie Davis, who was born March 28, 1856 and died November 11, 1930. (See death notices in the appendix). There were two children in the Davis family, as follows:

- 1 Lenora Davis, born Oct. 24, 1883, was married Oct 19, 1902 to Arthur Vance McQuiston, of Jamestown, Pa. He was born Nov. 12, 1884. They had three children:
- a Marie Kathryn McQuiston, born May 11, 1903.
 - b Louise Harriett McQuiston, born July 19, 1905.
 - c John Arthur McQuiston, born June 22, 1907, was married July 3, 1931 to Thelma N. Taylor. They have one child:

Nancy Louise McQuiston, born May 21, 1932.

- 2 Lloyd A. Davis, born April 4, 1885, was married Oct. 15, 1914 to Julia Turner, who was born September 4, 1887. Two children were born to this union:
- a Ellis Templeton Davis, born May 26, 1916.
 - b Robert L. Davis, born Oct. 30, 1921, and died Aug. 24, 1931 as the result of a distressing accident. (See death notices in the appendix).

V Barton H. Ellis, born September 5, 1863, was married Nov. 1, 1893 to Lomie Jamison, who was born Mar. 16, 1868, and died Feb. 28, 1895. They had one child:

- 1 Lomie M. Ellis, born February 24, 1895, and died March 27, 1929. She was married January 1, 1919 to James McConnell, who was born June 24, 1896 There are three children, as follows:

- a Niven McConnell, born June 11, 1919.
- b Louis E. McConnell, born Aug. 22, 1920.
- c Margaret C. McConnell, born July 19, 1926.

Barton was married a second time, July 25, 1905, to Margaret Bergmann, born Mar. 10, 1873. They had two children, as follows:

- 1 Thelma I. Ellis, born June 7, 1908.
- 2 Dorothy M. Ellis, born Oct. 31, 1912, and died Nov. 30, 1912.

VI Charles Ellis, born June 4, 1866, and died Oct. 4, 1930. He was married December 17, 1896 to Elizabeth Barnett, born Jan. 12, 1877. The widow resides in New Kensington, Pa. They were two children, as follows:

- 1 James Kenneth Ellis, born Aug. 31, 1899, was married June 4, 1930 to Myrtle Clara Ramsey, born Sept. 12, 1899. They have one child, as follows:
 - a James Edward Ellis, born June 2, 1932.
- 2 Paul Abner Ellis, born February 19, 1902, was married Sept. 4, 1926 to Leona Ruth Brubaker, who was born Mar. 13, 1902. They have one child, as follows:
 - a Marian Suzanne Ellis, born April 30, 1934.

VII Alta Asenath Ellis, born April 29, 1868, and died Jan. 27, 1934. She was married May 1, 1889, to James Emerson Moore, born Aug. 31, 1866. Eight children were born to the union, of whom six are living. They are as follows:

- 1 Ellis James Moore, born April 3, 1890, died May 15, 1892.
- 2 Edward Moore, born November 6, 1891, died May 10, 1892.
- 3 Edna Ethel Moore, born June 3, 1893, was married April 29, 1914 to Arthur I. Zimmerman, born September 29, 1892. They have three children, as follows:
 - a Florence Lucille Zimmerman, born Feb. 2, 1915, was married May 21, 1934 to Sylvester B. Klingensmith.
 - b Ray Keith Zimmerman, born July 13, 1919.
 - c Martha Louise Zimmerman, born July 4, 1926.

- 4 Robert Malcolm Moore, born April 13, 1896, was married Jan. 31, 1929 to Elizabeth McKelvey, born April 30, 1906. They have one child:
 - a Marcia Moore, born Mar. 3, 1930.
- 5 Oscar Clarence Moore, born July 24, 1898, was married Feb. 20, 1923 to Mildren Aleta McGarvey, born June 18, 1901. They have two children, as follows:
 - a Oscar Clarence Moore, Jr., born April 23, 1926.
 - b Doris Aleta Moore, born April 2, 1929.
- 6 Dorothy Moore, born November 2, 1900, was married June 24, 1924 to Harold R. McGarvey, born October 30, 1898. They have four children, as follows:
 - a Dorothy Alene McGarvey, born Mar. 10, 1925.
 - b Eleanor Cleora McGarvey, born April 29, 1926.
 - c Annabelle Louise McGarvey, born Nov. 14, 1927.
 - d Harold Victor McGarvey, born May 8, 1929.
- 7 Nellie Moore, born Nov. 12, 1903, was married Dec. 1, 1926 to Evan Albert Knight, born Mar. 20, 1906. They have one child:
 - a Eunice LaVonne Knight, born Mar. 31, 1927.
- 8 Barton Moore, born Sept. 17, 1907.

VIII Florence Alice Ellis, born Oct. 6, 1870, was married May 23, 1905 to James Buchanan Blair, born June 5, 1856. Two children were born to this union, as follows:

- 1 Mary Margaret Blair, born Oct. 25, 1906, died Sept. 15, 1912.
- 2 Katheryn Blair, born September 12, 1909.

IX James Ellis, born April 26, 1872, died January 12, 1898.

X Fred Ellis, born June 12, 1877 Fred is married and has several children but has failed to answer my request for information.

CHAPTER V

GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

Alfreda (Ellis) Carothers Branch

This record includes the children, grand children and great grand children of Alfreda (Ellis) Carothers, the fifth child of John and Susan Ann (Ford) Ellis, of Mayfield, Maine, and Hartstown, Pennsylvania.

The table of generations is made up from reports received from the living descendants. Every effort has been made to get the latest information, but if there are any errors or omissions, the author begs the indulgence of the relatives.



Minnie · Annie · John · Helen · Grant · Bird · Fred · Milo · Charlie
— Alfred's Family —

Sarah Helen Carothers
B. Oct. 1, 1857
D.

John Ellis Carothers
B. Jan. 22, 1859
D. Feb. 10, 1932

Ford Mason Carothers
B. Nov. 12, 1860
D. April 22, 1930

Susan Annie Carothers
B. Feb. 13, 1862
D. Sept. 4, 1930

Alfreda Ellis
B. Sept. 22, 1831
D. Mar. 10, 1905
M. May 5, 1855
Charles Carothers
B. Jan. 23, 1826
D. Mar. 14, 1915

Clarence Grant Carothers
B. Sept. 7, 1863
D.

Minnie Geneva Carothers
B. Jan. 16, 1867
D.

Charles Elmer Carothers
B. Sept. 24, 1868
D.

Bird Lincoln Carothers
B. June 7, 1870
D.

Milo Dow Carothers
B. Nov. 6, 1873
D.

Fred Philander Carothers
B. May 26, 1876
D.

ALFREDA Ellis was born in Mayfield, Somerset County, Maine, Sept. 22, 1831. She was the fifth child of John and Susan Ann Ellis. Her early life was spent in her native state. After attending the public schools, she was granted a certificate to teach and continued in that work until her marriage to Charles Carothers, May 5, 1855. He was also a teacher for a time near Galesburg, Illinois, and then joined the emigrants entering the rapidly developing state of Iowa. The Carothers homestead is near Corning, in the western part of the state, and is still the scene of an annual family reunion. Alfreda died March 10, 1905, and her husband March 14, 1915. Ten children blessed the union, all of whom reached maturity. They are as follows:

I Sarah Helen Carothers, born Oct. 1, 1857, was married Nov. 2, 1876 to Samuel C. Billingsley. He was born Sept. 6, 1853, and died January 7, 1927. Mrs. Billingsley resides at 411 S. 13th St., Marysville, Kansas. She is the mother of twelve children, all of whom were still living at the date of the latest report. They are as follows:

- 1 Nellie Vestine Billingsley, born Oct. 10, 1877.
- 2 Elsie Gertrude Billingsley, born Jan. 2, 1879, and died Sept. 30, 1918. She was married November 14, 1910 to Orin A. Ivers. He died March 11, 1918.
- 3 Samuel Ellsworth Billingsley, born Oct. 2, 1880. He was married April 8, 1908 to Hannah Elizabeth Lee. She was born May 15, 1884. The family resides at 3223 W. 1st St., Denver, Colo. They have two children, as follows:
 - a John Arthur Billingsley, born Jan. 1, 1909.
 - b Helen Clara Billingsley, born Nov. 19, 1910.She was married April 15, 1933 to De Witt Van Scay.
- 4 Charles Albert Billingsley, born April 20, 1882. He was married Oct. 16, 1920 to Bessie Ferres. She was born Aug. 5, 1887. Mr. Billingsley resides at Carthage, Mo. He has two children, as follows:
 - a Margaret Louise Billingsley, born Jan. 26, 1918.
 - b Edna Maude Billingsley, born July 15, 1925.
- 5 William Fred Billingsley, born Sept. 29, 1883. He was married June 15, 1912 to Fae Hawthorne Thompson. She was born Oct. 29, 1887 and died April 22, 1925. Mr. Billingsley

lives at Wagoner, Okla., and has three children as follows:

- a Ruth Billingsley, born July 4, 1913.
 - b William Fred Billingsley, born Nov. 10, 1915.
 - c Robert Hawthorne Billingsley, born Nov. 10, 1915.
- Robert died August 6, 1931.

- 6 Rebecca Alfreda Billingsley, born Sept. 17, 1885, was married Sept. 1, 1909 to Joseph Harry Elliott, born May 30, 1886. Mr. Elliott lives at Stafford, Kansas, and is the father of five children, as follows:

- a Joseph Franklin Elliott, born January 25, 1910.
- b Roland Albert Elliott, born March 1, 1912.
- c Helen Alfreda Elliott, born December 21, 1913.
- d Samuel Howard Elliott, born August 25, 1916.
- e Elizabeth Eileen Elliott, born August 25, 1920.

- 7 Andrew Bird Billingsley, born December 22, 1887, was married June 9, 1928 to Ruth Bernice Henderson, born August 6, 1897. He is a resident of Marysville, Kansas. During the World War he served in the 25th Engineers, in France, having enlisted at St. Joseph, Mo., December 11, 1917, and went into training at Camp Devins, Mass. He sailed from Hoboken, N. J. February 27, 1918 and landed at Brest, France, March 12, 1918. He had charge of construction work at various places in France. He was made Sargeant January 3, 1919, and sent to Brest, where he took charge of the Regimental Canteen. He returned to the United States in May and was discharged from Camp Zachary Taylor, June 12, 1919 after eighteen months service.

- 8 Helen Mae Billingsley, born May 2, 1890 was married April 9, 1913 to Wm. Marshall Griffie, born June 13, 1890. She resides in Marysville, Kansas, and has four children, as follows:

- a Janice Helen Griffie, born February 24, 1915.
- b Evelyn Elizabeth Griffie, born January 2, 1917.
- c Robert Wm. Griffie, born May 3, 1921.
- d Isla Mae Griffie, born August 16, 1925.

- 9 Walter Carothers Billingsley, born February 5, 1892, was married October 11, 1914 to Maude M. Moraine, born November 2, 1892. He resides at 840 S. Alameda St., Los Angeles, Calif., and has one child:

- a Clifford Carroll Billingsley, born July 31, 1918.
- 10 Carroll Myron Billingsley, born December 24, 1894, was married July 3, 1920 to Alta June Pritchard, born June 25, 1897. He resides at 723 W 17th St., Topeka, Kansas, and has three children, as follows:
 - a Beverly June Billingsley, born September 3, 1923.
 - b Natalie Carol Billingsley, born January 2, 1926.
 - c Meredith Ann Billingsley, born November 3, 1934.Carroll Myron served in the World War under Gen. Leonard Wood. He was in Battery E, 28th Regiment, 110 Division.
- 11 Carlisle Byron Billingsley, born December 24, 1894, a twin brother of Carroll Myron, was married September 23, 1922 to Vera Jane Smith, born November 22, 1899. Residence Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He entered the service of the United States at Camp Funston, Kan. in May, 1918, and was assigned to Company E, 353 Regiment of Infantry in the 89th Division under Gen. Wood. He sailed for France in June 1918, served at St. Mehiel and Argonne fronts, and after the Armistice, entered Germany with the Army of Occupation, and spent the winter at Prum. He left Germany in May for home via Brest, and was discharged from service June 1, 1919, after thirteen months service, almost twelve of which was overseas. He ranked as a private throughout. Carlisle has two children, as follows:
 - a Jack Byron Billingsley, born July 24, 1923.
 - b James Carlisle Billingsley, born July 26, 1932.
- 12 Leslie Kirk Billingsley, born June 1, 1897, was married June 18, 1918 to Belmont Hazel Collins, born June 7, 1897. He resides in Marysville. Leslie Kirk also entered the service of the United States during the World War. He enlisted August 15, 1918 and attended the Kansas University Training Detachment. On October 15, 1918 he was transferred to Company E. 421 Telegraph Brigade Signal Corps. He went to France October 27, 1918 and returned to the United States January 28, 1919. He was discharged at Camp Funston February 7, 1919 after fifteen months service. Leslie Kirk is the father of one child:
 - a Thaine Edward Billingsley, born June 5, 1925.

II John Ellis Carothers, born January 22, 1859, died February 10, 1932, was married October 1, 1879 to Annie Charlotte Hollingsworth, born October 2, 1861. Five children were born to this union. They are as follows:

- 1 Lovica Alfreda Carothers, born November 17, 1880, was married May 20, 1901 to George Dornon, born November 22, 1876. She is the mother of three children, as follows:
 - a John Andrew Dornon, born May 28, 1902, was married May 20, 1929 to Viola Culbertson, born July 6, 1906. John has two children, as follows:
 - Patricia Jean Dornon, born August 15, 1931.
 - Joan Yvonne Dornon, born August 2, 1932.
 - b Josephine Hallie Grace Dornon, born December 6, 1910, was married March 17, 1932 to Clarence Verden Faulds, born November 20, 1910.
 - c Ford Charles Dornon, born November 21, 1917.
- 2 Charles Ellsworth Carothers, born July 14, 1882, died January 20, 1891.
- 3 Ada Carothers, born January 31, 1884, died April 7, 1884.
- 4 Beula Geneva Carothers, born June 6, 1885, died May 26, 1926. She was married February 14, 1910 to Arthur A. Fitch, born January 31, 1882.
- 5 Nora Olive Carothers (6421 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.) born July 8, 1887, was married Nov. 26, 1908 to George Johnson. Nora has two children, as follows:
 - a Ellis Johnson, born June 15, 1912.
 - b Marie Helen Johnson, born March 4, 1920.

John Ellis Carothers was married a second time to Nellie Elizabeth Wheeler, born February 3, 1873, and died March 7, 1911. Six children were born to this union, as follows:

- 1 Florence Helen Carothers (31 Rowena St., Detroit, Mich.) born October 17, 1892, was married June 12, 1910 to Charles A. Dalton, born February 22, 1885. Florence was married again March 24, 1917 to Fred C. Terry, born January 28, 1875. She is now the wife of Robert A. Nelson, born January 2, 1893. This last marriage took place May 12, 1924.
- 2 Cora Ethel Carothers, of 6151 Winthrop Ave., Apt. 207, Chicago, Ill., was born February 26, 1895.

- 3 Beatrice Muriel Carothers, born April 21, 1898, was married September 11, 1919 to John H. Phillips, born August 5, 1893. Beatrice lives at 3528 W 40th St., Denver, Colorado. She has kept in close touch with all the living representatives of her father's family, and gives me the information contained in this genealogy of John's descendants. Mrs. Phillips has been much interested in welfare work during the depression in Denver. She has two children, as follows:
 - a Dorothy Elizabeth Phillips, born Sept. 16, 1920.
 - b John Richard Phillips, born January 27, 1923.
- 4 Marjory Grace Vestine Carothers, born March 17, 1900, was married Sept. 4, 1918 to Kenneth P. Wade, and has one child, as follows:
 - a Robert Warren Wade, born Sept. 1, 1922.Mrs. Wade was married a second time Oct. 24, 1925 to John H. Killian, born March 26, 1888, and now resides at 6151 Winthrop Ave., Chicago.
- 5 John Herbert Carothers, born October 4, 1902, died five days later.
- 6 Theodore Ellis Carothers, born Dec. 25, 1904, was married July 6, 1926 to Laura Mae Bernard, born April 7, 1905. He has one child:
 - a Theodore Charles Carothers, born January 23, 1930.

III Ford Mason Carothers, the third child, was born Nov. 12, 1860 and died April 22, 1930. (See obituary notice in the Appendix) He was married May 27, 1889 to Annie Robb, born Feb. 14, 1863. Two children were born, as follows:

- 1 Helen E. Carothers, Woodland, Washington, was born April 30, 1890. She was married May 10, 1911 to George F. Plamondon, born Oct. 4, 1887. There are four children, as follows:
 - a Mary Catherine Plamondon, born July 16, 1913.
 - b Ford Gregory Plamondon, born May 19, 1916.
 - c Lou Russell Plamondon, born January 12, 1918.
 - d Frances Joan Plamondon, born Nov. 3, 1926.
- 2 Russell Ellis Carothers, Kelso, Washington, was born Nov. 18, 1896. He was married July 24, 1919 to Cecile Hansickie, born May 27, 1899. They have two children, as follows:

- a Miriam Ann Carothers, born May 12, 1920.
 - b Russell Ellis Carothers, Jr., born Jan. 11, 1922.
- IV Susan Annie Carothers, the fourth child, was born February 13, 1862 and died September 4, 1930. (See accidental death notice in local papers—Appendix). On March 4, 1885 she was married to Philip Douglass Hawkins, born May 15, 1861 and died, with his wife, Sept. 4, 1930. There are two children, as follows:
- 1 Ralph De Lesse Hawkins, Sedalia, Mo., was born August 25, 1886, and was married September 4, 1921 to Mary Bell Orander, born May 19, 1903 and died March , 1932. There are five children, as follows:
 - a Philip Douglass Hawkins, born October 9, 1922.
 - b Annie Helen Hawkins, born March 18, 1924.
 - c Ralph Donald Hawkins, born Dec. 28, 1925.
 - d Mary Elizabeth Hawkins, born Sept. , 1929.
 - e Charles Hawkins, born Feb. , 1932.
 - 2 Annie Josephine Hawkins, Vienna, Va., was born April 17, 1891. She was married July 24, 1926 to Harvey Melvin Johnson, born Nov. 17, 1880. There are two children, as follows:
 - a Harvey Melvin Johnson, Jr., born May 15, 1927.
 - b Richard Summers Johnson, born January 16, 1929.
- V Clarence Grant Carothers, Grand Junction, Colo., was born Sept. 7, 1863, and was married to Annie McDonald Sept. 24, 1889. She was born Sept. 24, 1872. There are four children:
- 1 Jesse Grant Carothers, of Hayward, California, was born Sept. 13, 1890. He was married Sept. 24, 1921 to Victoria P. Caston, born Dec. 23, 1899. They have two children, as follows:
 - a Phylis June Carothers, born June 20, 1922.
 - b Dorothy Ann Carothers, born Nov. 20, 1926.
 - 2 James Roger Carothers, born Oct. 14, 1893. Married Sept. 7, 1933 to Dolly Curl, in Los Angeles, Calif.
 - 3 Vera Glee Carothers, born August 18, 1896, died July 25, 1901.
 - 4 Lloyd Aaron Carothers, born May 12, 1902.
- VI Minnie Geneva Carothers, Nodaway, Iowa, was born Jan. 16, 1867.

VII Charles Elmer Carothers, Vancouver, Wash., was born Sept. 24, 1868. He was married February 1, 1892 to Idella May Whittaker, born April 6, 1876. There are four children, as follows:

1 Ollie Edith Carothers, Portland, Oregon, was born Dec. 21, 1893. She was married, first, to Clarence Clinton Devers on January 2, 1912. They had one child:

a LaNorma Devers, born July 28, 1916.

Ollie was divorced from Mr. Devers Sept. 13, 1922, and was married May 6, 1924 to Arthur Warren Thomas, born Jan. 6, 1892.

2 Lola Mae Carothers, of Vancouver, Wash., was born July 29, 1897. On Dec. 20, 1922 she was married to Richard Jacobs, born Feb. 7, 1888. They have one child:

a Charles Richard Jacobs, born Nov. 3, 1928.

Both Lola and her husband served in the U. S. Navy during the World War, Lola as yeomanet from May 9, 1918 to June 30, 1920 and Richard in the marine corps from June 26, 1917 to June 16, 1919.

3 Burliegh Lee Carothers, of Kelso, Wash., was born May 31, 1899. He was married Nov. 18, 1922 to Maude McFadden, born Sept. 5, 1901. They have two children, as follows:

a Curtis Miles Carothers, born June 21, 1924.

b Beryle Valeria Carothers, born January 24, 1929.

Burliegh served in the U. S. Navy from July 22, 1918 to Feb. 11, 1919.

4 Jevon Elmer Carothers, of Los Angeles, Calif., was born Nov. 13, 1901. He was married July 16, 1927 to Myrtle Regina Sahlberg, born January 16, 1901. They have no children.

VIII Bird Lincoln Carothers, Woodburn, Wash., was born June 7, 1870. He was married May 23, 1897 to Pluma Lou Strait, born November 1, 1874. Three children were born to this union. They are as follows:

1 Adna Willard Carothers, born June 20, 1898, died Aug. 20, 1898.

2 Raleigh Florentine Carothers, born Dec. 15, 1905, was married July 5, 1930 to Ethel Hobart, born Jan. 18, 1908. There is one child, as follows:

a Raleigh Dale Carothers, born Sept. 26, 1931.

- 3 Verner Charles Carothers, born June 24, 1907, was married Sept. 19, 1928 to Hilda Adams Rankin, born July 8, 1911. They were divorced Feb. 10, 1931.
- IX Milo Dow Carothers, Corning, Iowa, was born Nov. 6, 1873. He was married June 22, 1898 to Maude R. Miller, born May 7, 1879. There are three children in Milo's family. They are as follows:
- 1 Mahlon W. Carothers, born Jan. 12, 1904. He was married August 25, 1929 to Thelma Lee. They have two children:
 - a Mahlon Lee Carothers, born Nov. 11, 1931.
 - b Barbara Ann Carothers, born Jan. 3, 1934.
 - 2 Lester L. Carothers, born July 17, 1906, was married April 25, 1931 to Sarah M. Nelson. There is one child:
 - a Donala Nelson Carothers, born April 16, 1932.
 - 3 Leslie Dow Carothers, born July 17, 1906, was married July 18, 1929 to Maxine Cox. Leslie has two children, as follows:
 - a Mary Alice Carothers, born Aug. 2, 1930.
 - b Milo Dean Carothers, born Dec. 28, 1931.
- X Fred Philander Carothers, Nodaway, Iowa, was born May 26, 1876. He was married February 5, 1898 to Jennie Beatrice Hyde, born January 28, 1876. They have one child:
- 1 Doris Vivian Carothers, born Feb. 18, 1900, was married Feb. 14, 1921 to Charles Randolph Kernen, born Sept. 3, 1890. They have four children, as follows:
 - a Frederick Randolph Kernen, born Nov. 19, 1921.
 - b Wilma Doris Kernen, born March 10, 1924.
 - c Lysle Wayne Kernen, born July 13, 1925.
 - d Clyde Eugene Kernen, born July 26, 1926, died June 16, 1928.

CHAPTER VI

GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

Philander Coburn Ellis

This historical sketch of Philander Coburn Ellis is compiled from the official records of the War Department and Adjutant General's Office of the State of Minnesota, together with letters and papers in the hands of his brothers and sisters at the time of his death.

We have also quoted rather extensively from the "Narrative of the First Minnesota," by Col. Lochran, which was published by direction of the State Legislature of Minnesota.

ADJUTANAT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Saint Paul, January 14, 1929

I hereby certify that the records of this office show that Philander C. Ellis was enlisted at Fort Snelling, Minnesota on the 29th day of April 1861 in Co. I, 1st. Minn. Vol. Inf. and was mustered into the Military Service of the United States on the 29th day of April 1861 and served as a private. The records further show that he was wounded at Bull Run, and killed at Gettysburg July 2, 1863.

E. A. Walsh,
The Adjutant General

Seal of the Adjutant General's Office

Note—The above is an accurate copy of the letter from the Adjutant General.

Killed in battle at Gettysburg, Bro Philander C. Ellis. He was born in the state of Maine. When quite young his parents emigrated to Western Pennsylvania. He soon after went to Minnesota, and when the present rebellion broke out, he was among the first to go at his country's call. He joined the 1st Minn. Reg. and in the battle of Bull Run was wounded and taken prisoner—was exchanged, returned to his regiment and fell at his post in the second day's fight at Gettysburg. He was a noble, generous young man; strictly honest, charitable almost to a fault, very conscientious, uncomplaining, enduring all the hardships and privation of a soldier's life, without a murmur. He leaves a mother, who had selected him among all her sons to be prop and solace of her declining years, and brothers and sisters, to mourn their loss. Funeral services at Adamsville.—Com.

Note—The above is a copy of the funeral notice published in the Free Will Baptist paper.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

January 8, 1929

In reply refer to

A. G. 201

Ellis, Philander C.

(12-28-28) ORD

Mr. Milo H. Miller

Mt. Oliver Station,

Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date in which you desire the military record of Philander Coburn Ellis.

The records on file in my office show that Philander C. Ellis (name not found as Philander Coburn Ellis) was enrolled and mustered into service April 29, 1861, at Fort Snelling, Minn., as a private in Company I, 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, to serve three years. He was wounded in action at Bull Run July 21, 1861; was a prisoner at Richmond, Va.; was released and sent to Jefferson Barracks, where he was paroled and returned to his command December 22, 1862, as private. He was killed in action at the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., July 2, 1863, a private.

The war department has never compiled a history of the 1st Minnesota Regiment but it is suggested as a possibility that a history of that regiment can be obtained from The Adjutant General, State of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Bridges,

Brigadier General

Acting the Adjutant General

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Note—The above is an accurate copy of the records in the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C.

THE history of the Ellis family would be incomplete without an account of two events that cast a deep gloom over the Ellis household. The first of these sad events was the death of grandfather John Ellis while on a visit to the place of his nativity in Maine. He with his wife Susan Ann had passed only a few days of friendly greeting when the summons came. He died October 13, 1862 after a brief illness and was buried in Greenville, Maine, at the foot of Moosehead Lake. The sorrowing widow immediately returned home but her tribulations were not over.

She was soon to lose the son whom she had selected to be the prop and support of her declining years. The great Civil War had reached its crisis. Four sons were in the service of their country. Cobe, as he was familiarly called, had enlisted in the 1st Minnesota Regiment at Fort Snelling April 29, 1861, being among the first to answer Lincoln's call for troops to put down the rebellion. He had been wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Bull Run July 21, 1861, but was paroled and returned to his command in time to take part in the battle of Gettysburg. He fell in the charge on the enemy's line on the evening of the 2nd of July, 1863, near Gettysburg.

The two letters here reproduced in full tell the tragic tale better than any words of mine. They constitute a great human document of the utmost importance to every loyal Ellis descendant.

The First Minnesota Regiment was sent as a shock force against the enemy's advancing column after the defeat of Sickles' Third Corps at the Peach Orchard. It saved the Union center but at a frightful cost. Out of 262 men that went into action only 47 returned, leaving 215 dead or wounded on the slopes of Little Round Top.

The letter of Cobe's tent-mate, informing the sorrowing mother of the loss of her son in battle is penciled on the blank pages of her last letter to him. The original is in my possession. It is folded and worn with age but clearly decipherable with the single exception of the losses sustained by the regiment. The line came on a fold of the paper and could not be made out. However, this is immaterial, since we know from the official reports how heavy was the toll of life.

Hartstown, Pa.

June 16, 1863

Dear Son,

I received your kind letter the other day with five dollars in it. I was glad of the money, but more so to hear from you and know that you are still living and well as usual.

We are all well though I have a very bad sore on my ankle which troubles me very much but I am in hopes it will soon get better.

I have not much news to write to you, only last Sabbath was our Quarterly Meeting at Adamsville. We had dear father's funeral sermon preached by Elder J. B. Page from Lockport, which gave us good satisfaction.

The weather is very warm and dry here. We have not had any good rains here this summer to speak of. Times are as good as usual.

Now, Dear Son, be of good cheer as you can in your situation and perform every known duty to your God and your Country.

Susan Ann Ellis to P. C. Ellis

Camp near Hagerstown, Md.

July 11, 1863

Mrs. S. A. Ellis,

Hartstown, Pa.

Dear Madam,

P. C. Ellis was fighting for his country and doing his duty like a good soldier and an honorable man. He was my tent mate ever since he came back to the army, and a better man or a kinder-hearted, quiet, good companion I never expect to find. He is at rest. He was shot through the head on the charge made by our regiment on the enemy's line on the evening of the 2nd of July near Gettysburg, Pa. He never knew he was hurt. Our losses were severe ***** (At this point the letter is folded and cannot be deciphered) and three companies were not in the fight, only 92 left after the fight. I found him on the way back to the lines a short time after the charge but he was dead. He was my dearest friend. I felt lonely. We buried him decently and marked his grave. He was the first one laid in one large grave next a large oak tree on the field. I saved his wallet

and some few papers. All the rest were lost. I lost all my things while attending to the wounded, and have had no chance to write since, for we have been following the enemy and are now before them, in line of battle. We expect a hard battle tonight or in the morning. There were only five men and one sargeant left in our Company that went into the battle on the 2nd of July. How many will be left after this fight who can tell, but we fight in a just and good cause, and feel willing to die like men if that be our fate, or bear with the pain of the wounds if wounded.

We have had some very hard marches since the battles near Gettysburg and I almost wish sometimes I had poor Philo's place. Then all would be at peace. Daniel Weaver, our other tent mate, was wounded in the right knee but not dangerously. I expect he has written to some of Ellis' friends. I opened this letter to get your address and this is all the paper I have or can get now. The first opportunity I will give you more particulars. Ellis fought like a man, always did his duty, and died as a soldier wishes to die when his time comes, with his face to foe and a smile on his face as though all was well. We checked the enemy then and whipped them the next day handsomely. Took many prisoners. All we regretted was that our companions were not there to share our victories. It must be hard for a mother to lose such a son as Philo, but such is the fortune of war. May he enjoy all the blessings of the next life. He deserves it if any one does. I do not know how I can send this but will try. I knew Ellis for the last few years at Minneiska, Minn.

Yours respectfully and sincerely,

S. O. Seymour

Philander Coburn Ellis was in the lumber regions of Minnesota at the outbreak of the war and was one of the first to enlist when Lincoln called for volunteers. He was mustered into the service as a private April 29, 1861 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, to serve for three years. He was wounded in action at Bull Run July 21, 1861, and sent as a prisoner to Richmond, Va. After a time he was released and sent to Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, where he was paroled and came home on a furlough. He returned to his command December 22, 1862, in time to take part with his regiment in the battle of Gettysburg. He was killed in a desperate charge upon the enemy's lines on the evening of the second day of July, 1863.

It has been truthfully said, without fear of successful contradiction that no Northern regiment served with greater distinction in the Army of the Potomac than the First Minnesota. This famous organization took a conspicuous part in every great battle of the Eastern army until the expiration of its term of enlistment, particularly distinguishing itself at the battle of Gettysburg.

The history of its organization and service is ably told in the "Narrative of the First Minnesota," by Col. Lochran, which was published by direction of the State Legislature of Minnesota.

It seems to me entirely fitting and proper that a brief history of this famous regiment should become a part of the Ellis family history, not only because of its distinguished service but because one of John Ellis's loyal sons died in one of the most glorious and spectacular charges ever recorded in military history. I shall condense the narrative as much as possible to keep it within reasonable bounds but a true perspective can only be gained by quoting rather extensively.

Gov. Alexander Ramsey, of Minnesota, was in Washington when President Lincoln's call for 75,000 three months' men was made. The news of the surrender of Fort Sumter to the rebels was received on Saturday night, April 13th. Early the next morning Gov. Ramsey went to the War Department, found Secretary Cameron, and tendered 1,000 men to defend the Union. "Sit right down," said the secretary, "and write the tender you have made, as I am now on my way to the President's mansion." This was quickly done, and thus the earliest tender of troops came from Minnesota. It was accepted, and on the next day the President's call for troops was published. An immediate call for volunteers was telegraphed to St. Paul, and on April 29, 1861, the First Minnesota Regiment was mustered in as the senior three-year regiment in the service. This was in response to a telegram from the Secretary of War, suggesting the enlistment of the men for three years instead of three months. On May 24th the regiment was filled to its maximum strength at Fort Snelling and two days later marched to St. Paul to receive from the ladies of that city the state flag, which it carried throughout its term of service. The presentation took place on the east front of the capitol, and Mrs. Anna E. Ramsey, the governor's wife, made the presentation speech. She said:

Col. Gorman: On behalf of the ladies of St. Paul, permit me to present to you, and through you to the First Regiment of Minnesota Volunteers, this flag, bearing upon one side the coat of arms of our beloved state, and on the other the device which, by its clustering stars and radiant lines, testifies that we are still citizens of a great and undivided nation. While it will be your proud prerogative, where ever duty may call you, to defend this flag, that nation, and the principles forever intertwined with both, it will be ours, standing at the portals of your homes, to cheer you on your way with smiles and blessings; to pray for you in the dark hour of conflict; and, if need be, to keep bright and undying among men the memory of those among you who may give up life itself for God and fatherland. To you is reserved a proud destiny. When the time comes for you to descend the Father of Waters to where the fate of the nation is being decided, the sollicitations and love of the entire state will follow you. From this capitol to the most remote frontier cottage no heart but shall send up a prayer for your safety and success; no eye, but shall follow with affection the flutterings of your banner as you cover it with glory. In your hands we feel that the honor of our young state is safe. To you with firm faith we commit its virgin and unsullied fame. When the troubles which now agitate the nation are past, when the rebellion is suppressed, and when once more peace folds its white wings among us, you will return to receive that praise and that gratitude which you will have nobly earned; and in after years amid the avocations of your peaceful lives, men will point to you and say: "There is one who, when his country's liberty was in danger, abandoned everything and rushed to rescue. There is a soldier of the great army of freedom." Go then, sir, where your country calls, ever remembering your dependence on Him, who alone can cover your head in the day of battle, and who never forsakes those who put their trust in Him.

Cheers rent the air as this beautiful and accomplished lady closed her address by handing the banner to Col. Gorman, who responded, closing with the following eloquent words: "We accept this flag as the emblem of the cause in which we have unsheathed our swords, and with the help of the God of Battles, we will never allow them to return to their scabbard until treason shall be punished and this flag, the Union, and the constitution shall be vindicated and made perpetual. I now accept it in the name of the gallant officers and men

of the First Minnesota Regiment, and most solemnly pledge to our noble young state, and to her people, and to our fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, wives and children in this presence never to surrender it to a foe until the folds have been baptised in our blood. We shall carry it wherever duty calls until it shall please a kind Providence to restore peace to our country and us to the bosom of our homes."

Col. Gorman then turned and handed the flag to Sergt. Howard Stanbury, the color bearer of the regiment, saying: "Sir: To your hands I entrust this flag. It will remain in your keeping. Bear it aloft; and should you fall in defense of it, let your last words be "Save the colors of the First Regiment."

Prolonged cheers, mingled with the thunders of artillery, followed the acceptance speech, and after a sumptuous banquet at the Winslow House, returned to Fort Snelling.

On the evening of June 14th, Gov. Ramsey received a dispatch from the Secretary of War ordering the First Regiment to Washington. On Saturday, June 22nd, the regiment embarked on the steamers War Eagle and Northern Belle for St. Paul where a brief stop was made, and then proceeded on down the river to La Crosse and Prairie du Chien where railroad transportation was furnished for Chicago. The entire trip was an ovation. Crowds appeared at every station, and greeted the boys with enthusiastic cheers. At the Northwestern Depot in Chicago the regiment was greeted by Mayor John Wentworth, who accompanied Col. Gorman to the Pittsburg and Fort Wayne Depot, through crowded streets where expressions of kindness and compliment were heard on every hand.

The Chicago Tribune of the next day was loud in its praise of the fine appearance of the men ending with these words:

"There are few regiments we have ever seen that can compare in brawn and muscle with these Minnesotans, used to the axe, the rifle, the oar and the setting pole. They are unquestionably the finest body of troops that has yet appeared in our streets."

The regiment reached Washington June 26 and went into camp about a mile west of the Capitol, where it remained for some time, drilling daily. On July 3rd, 1861, the regiment embarked for Alexandria where again it went into camp. Here they remained until July 16th when it joined in the advance of the army towards Manassess

Junction, where the enemy was known to be in large force. It reached Bull Run early on the morning of the 21st and went into action near the Henry House, within eighty rods of the enemy's position. Here they fell into a trap set by Stonewall Jackson, and suffered heavy losses.

The First Minnesota received special commendation in the reports of both the brigade and division commanders. The losses were forty-two killed and one hundred and eight wounded, and thirty missing, a total of 180 men in all or more than twenty per cent of the men engaged. This was the heaviest loss in proportion to the men engaged, of any regiment in that battle.

Coburn Ellis was one of the wounded and was detained as a prisoner for several months in Richmond. He was afterwards paroled to Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis and returned to his regiment on December 22, 1862 in time to take part in the remaining battles fought by the Army of the Potomac.

We shall have little to say about these sanguinary battles, except to note the conspicuous bravery of the men of the First Minnesota whenever under fire. At Fredericksburg it especially distinguished itself at a critical moment when several other regiments similarly exposed to an enfilading fire, broke and ran. The danger was great, but the First Minnesota stood firm, and by its conduct, held the balance of the line in place. Gen. Howard, with his brigade commanders, occupied a house in the rear, overlooking the line, and saw with alarm the retreat of the three regiments, one after another. Seeing the First Minnesota stand fast, Howard exclaimed: "Sully, your First Minnesota doesn't run." Sully, who had felt no less alarm for the credit of his favorite regiment than about the danger of the situation, now reassured, answered calmly, "General, the First Minnesota never runs." General Howard was extremely gratified at the conduct of the regiment on this occasion and complimented it in general orders, and in a brief address to the regiment a few days later. On April 2, 1863, Gov. Ramsey arrived in camp and brought a new flag for the regiment. It had inscribed upon it the names of the battles in which the regiment had then participated.

The history of the First Minnesota Regiment is full of stirring incidents, illustrative of the bravery of the men and devotion to their commanders. Not wishing, however, to prolong this story to great length we will have to omit much that would be interesting.

The final act of conspicuous gallantry, however, is of such outstanding character as to merit special mention. It came on the evening of July 2, 1863, succeeding the defeat of Sickles's Third Corps at the Peach Orchard. Col. Wm. Lochren, in his "Narrative of the First Minnesota" has told the story so well that it could not be improved upon. Hence, I am sure you will pardon me for quoting his words exactly.

"At a quarter before six on the morning of July 2, we arrived on the battlefield, and The Second Corps was placed in position on the line to the left of the cemetery, being joined on its left by Sickles's Third Corps, which extended the line to the vicinity of Little Round Top. For some reason, the First Minnesota was not placed in this line, but apparently in reserve, a short distance to the rear. Early in the morning, just after we reached the battlefield, Company L (sharpshooters) was detailed to support Kirby's Battery near the cemetery, and did not rejoin us during the battle. Some time after noon Sickles advanced the Third Corps half a mile or more, to a slight ridge near the Emmitsburg road, his left extending to Devil's Den, in front of and near the base of Little Round Top, and Company F (Capt. John Ball) was detached as skirmishers, and sent in that direction.

Soon after the remaining eight companies of the regiment, numbering two hundred and sixty men were sent to the center of the line just vacated by Sickles's advance, to support Battery C of the Fourth United States Artillery. No other troops were then near us, and we stood by this battery, in full view of Sickles's battle in the peach orchard half a mile to the front, and witnessed with eager anxiety the varying fortunes of that sanguinary conflict, until at length, with gravest apprehension we saw Sickles's men give way before the heavier forces of Longstreet and Hill, and come back, slowly at first and rallying at short intervals, but at length broken and in utter disorder, rushing down the slope, by the Trostle House, across the low ground up the slope on our side, and past our position to the rear, followed by a strong force—the large brigades of Wilcox and Barksdale—in regular lines, moving steadily in the flush of victory, and firing on the fugitives. They had reached the low grounds, and in a few minutes would be at our position, which they could roll up, as Jackson did the Eleventh Corps at Chancellorsville. There was no organized force near to oppose them, except our handful of two hundred and

sixty men. Most soldiers, in the face of such an overpowering force, which had just defeated a considerable portion of an army corps, would have caught the panic and joined the retreating masses. But the First Minnesota had never deserted any post, had never retired without orders, stood firm awaiting whatever might come. Just then Hancock, with a single aide, rode up at full speed, and for a moment vainly endeavored to rally Sickles's retreating forces. Reserves had been sent for, but were still too far away to be of any assistance until the critical position would be occupied by the enemy, unless that enemy were stopped. Quickly leaving the fugitives, Hancock spurred to where we were standing, calling out as he reached us, "What regiment is this?" "First Minnesota," replied Colvill. "Charge those lines!" commanded Hancock. Every man realized in an instant what that order meant—almost certain death to us all, the sacrifice of the regiment to gain a few minutes time and save the position, and probably the battle—and every man saw and accepted the necessity for the sacrifice. So, responding to Colvill's rapid orders, the regiment, in perfect line, with arms at right shoulder shift, was in a moment sweeping down the slope directly upon the enemy's center. No hesitation, no stopping to fire, though the men fell fast at every stride before the concentrated fire of the whole Confederate force, the little band of brave soldiers moved forward. Silently without orders, and, almost from the start, double quick had changed to utmost speed; for in utmost speed lay the only hope that any of us would pass through that storm of lead and strike the enemy. "Charge!" shouted Colvill, as we neared the first line; and with leveled bayonets, we rushed upon it at full speed. Fortunately it was slightly disorganized in crossing a dry brook at the foot of the slope. The men were never made who will stand against leveled bayonets coming with such momentum and evident desperation. The first line broke in our front as we reached it, and rushed back through the second line, stopping the whole advance. We then poured in our first fire, and availed ourselves of such shelter as the low banks of the dry brook afforded, held the entire force at bay for a considerable time, until our reserves appeared on the ridge we had left. Had the enemy rallied quickly to a counter attack, its great numbers would have crushed us in a moment; and we would have made but a slight pause in its advance.

But the ferocity of our onset seemed to paralyze them for the time, and although they poured upon us a terrible and continuous fire from the front and enveloping flanks, they kept at respectful distance from our bayonets until, before the added fire of our fresh reserves, they began to retire, and we were ordered back. What Hancock had given us to do was thoroughly done. The regiment had stopped the enemy and held back its mighty force and saved the position. But at what a sacrifice! Nearly every officer was dead or lay weltering with bloody wounds, our gallant colonel and every field officer among them. Of the two hundred and sixty two men who made the charge, two hundred and fifteen lay upon the field, stricken down by rebel bullets, forty seven were still in line, and not a man was missing.

The annals of war contain no parallel to this charge. In its desperate valor, complete execution, successful result, and in its sacrifice of men in proportion to the number engaged, authentic history has no record with which it can be compared. Col. Fox, in his very carefully prepared work on "Regimental Losses in the American Civil War," says: "The fighting was deadly in the extreme, the percentage of loss in the First Minnesota being without an equal in the records of modern warfare."

General Hancock, in speaking of this charge, is reported to have said:

"There is no more gallant deed recorded in history. I ordered those men in there because I saw I must gain five minutes time. Reinforcements were coming on the run, but I knew that before they could reach the threatened point, the Confederates, unless checked, would seize the position. I would have ordered that regiment in if I had known that every man would be killed. It had to be done, and I was glad to find such a gallant body of men at hand willing to make the sacrifice that the occasion demanded."

The charge of the First Minnesota was made late in the afternoon of July 2nd and virtually closed the fighting for that day in that part of the front. "Cobe" was dead. His tent mate found him on the way back. There was a smile on his face as if all were well.

They buried him in a long trench beneath the spreading branches of a giant oak tree. His was the first body placed in the trench. The monument of the First Minnesota now marks his last resting place.

CHAPTER VII

GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

Enoch Ford Ellis Branch

This record includes the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Enoch Ford Ellis, seventh child of John and Susan Ann (Ford) Ellis, of Mayfield, Maine, and Hartstown, Pennsylvania.

The table of generations is made up from reports received from the living representatives of Enoch's family, and is believed to be correct.



John Ellis



Eva Zimmerman



Edwin S. Ellis



Clark P. Ellis



Nellie Marshall



Thomas Ellis



Newton Ellis

Enoch's Children

John Laverne Ellis
B. Oct. 9, 1860
D. Mar. 4, 1932

Eva Emmarene Ellis
B. June 29, 1862
D. Mar. 23, 1930

Edwin Stanton Ellis
B. Dec. 2, 1867
D. Feb. 26, 1927

Clark Pearly Ellis
B. Aug. 29, 1869
D.

Enoch Ford Ellis
B. Mar. 2, 1834
D. Feb. 13, 1890
M. Jan. 1, 1860
Mary Jane Thomas
B. Oct. 11, 1838
D. June 22, 1915

Lois Gertrude Ellis
B. Aug. 9, 1871
D. April 23, 1875

Nellie Genevera Ellis
B. Feb. 29, 1876
D.

Scott Gilbert Ellis
B. Aug. , 1877
D. Sept. , 1878

Thomas Everett Ellis
B. Jan. 31, 1880
D. May 18, 1926

Newton Elvin Ellis
B. Nov. 20, 1882
D.

Military Service

Enoch Ford Ellis, Civil War, Co. K. 150 Reg. P. V. I.

ENOCH Ford Ellis, the seventh child of John and Susan Ann Ellis, was born March 2, 1833, in Mayfield, Somerset county, Maine. His early life was spent in his native state, where "his little feet were many times set in new pathways by his older brothers and sisters." (See the biographical sketch written by his son.)

Enoch was scarcely eight years old when his parents left the Pine Tree State with its rocky soil for the more fertile lands of western Pennsylvania. Here his opportunity to secure even an elementary education was limited by the unsettled life of the family, and it was not until they finally settled down on a farm near Turnersville that he could attend a district school with some degree of regularity.

Passing over the remaining years of his life and the Civil War service, there remain a few outstanding elements of character that deserve special mention.

Enoch Ellis was a conscientious Christian, and for many years before his death, a faithful member of the Hartstown M. E. Church. He was superintendent of the first Sabbath school I ever attended and conducted a most interesting review of the lessons from large colored pictorial charts. In his own home he kept up the old New England custom of conducting family worship mornings and evenings.

He was an ideal parent and devoted husband, always interested in the welfare of his children and knowing how to share in their pleasures. He was a wagon and carriage builder by trade and conducted a large establishment in the village. In politics he was a Republican, and as a citizen, he was honored and respected for his many sterling qualities of mind and soul.

His death occurred February 15, 1890 of heart failure. In the words of his son, this closing sentence is most appropriate: "To his descendants he left no wealth but blazed a trail at the end of which was left the banner of the cross."

Nine children were born into Enoch Ellis's home, as follows:

- I John Laverne Ellis, the eldest child, was born October 9, 1860 and died in Wheeling, W. Va., March 4, 1932, of heart lesion. He was married October 25, 1886 to Belle King, of Canal Dover, Ohio. She was born June 25, 1867. Two children blessed the union as follows:

- 1 Mary Laverne Ellis, of Wooster, Ohio, was born October 8, 1887. She was married June 10, 1910 to George W. Blake. He was born January 31, 1887 and died February 6, 1922. To Mr. Blake she had six children, as follows:
 - a Virginia Blake, born Mar. 22, 1911, was married June 26, 1930 to Frederick Hanna, born Dec. 15, 1908. They have one child, Frederick Hanna, Jr. born June 1, 1932.
 - b George W. Blake, Jr., born Feb. 16, 1913.
 - c Julia Belle Blake, born June 22, 1914, died Oct. 24, 1918.
 - d Nancy Ann Blake, born Feb. 14, 1917, died Dec. 3, 1932.
 - e Frank Ellis Blake, born May 18, 1920.
 - f Mary Verne Blake, born Nov. 11, 1921.

Mary Laverne Blake was married a second time April 12, 1923 to Walter Scott, born May 18, 1887. Two children were born,

 - a John Ellis Scott, born March 18, 1924.
 - b Bessie Scott, born Sept. 20, 1926.
 - 2 Virginia C. Ellis, born Jan. 8, 1889, died March 19, 1892.
- II Eva Emmarene Ellis, the second child of Enoch and Mary Jane Ellis, was born June 29, 1862, and died March 23, 1930, after a lingering illness. She was married July 12, 1881 to Frederick Zimmerman. There were four children in the Zimmerman family, as follows:
- 1 Clara Asenath Zimmerman, born August 8, 1882, was married January 12, 1904 to David McElhaney. He was born September 11, 1874, and died Dec. 7, 1926. There are two children, as follows:
 - a Harry W. McElhaney, born Oct. 25, 1904, was married June 15, 1932 to Bessie H. McDaniel, born Jan. 5, 1909. They have one child:

Mary Louise McElhaney, born Jan. 23, 1935.
 - b Margaret M. McElhaney, born Mar. 1, 1915.
 - 2 Harry Eugene Zimmerman, of Hamburg, N. Y., was born Aug. 4, 1883. He was married August 18, 1913 to Ida M. Kelter, born Aug. 28, 1877. They have one child:
 - a Lois Zimmerman, born June 8, 1915.

- 3 Mary Catherine Zimmerman, Sandusky, Ohio, was born Dec. 21, 1886. She was married Dec. 21, 1903 to Weaver F. Fessler, who was born May 28, 1884. Mary has two children, as follows:

a Jack Frederick Fessler, born July 2, 1905, was married February 5, 1930 to Alice Garfield, born Jan. 8, 1910. They have one child:

Jack Frederick Fessler, Jr., born Oct. 1, 1931.

b Evelyn Louise Fessler, born Oct. 9, 1908, was married July 20, 1929 to Norman Edward Long, born Oct. 3, 1908. Evelyn has two children, as follows:

Norma Louise Long, born Sept. 25, 1930.

Joan Long, born Oct. 23, 1932.

- 4 Ellis Ford Zimmerman, Conneaut Lake, Pa., was born May 5, 1890. He was married September 6, 1911 to Ruth Carless. She was born Oct. 12, 1893. Ellis is a blacksmith and has a shop at Conneaut Lake. He has one child, a daughter.

a Helen Margaret Zimmerman, born July 12, 1913.

N. B. For a brief biographical notice of John and Eva Ellis, see appendix.

III Edwin Stanton Ellis, born Dec. 2, 1867 and died Feb. 26, 1927, was married Oct. 22, 1889 to Maude Elizabeth Gehr, born May 17, 1871. They had two children, as follows:

- 1 Herbert Ford Ellis, born 1890 and died 1898.
- 2 Helen Gertrude Ellis, born Aug. 4, 1893, was married Sept. 15, 1912 to Alva Leland Medill, born Sept. 5, 1891 and died June 17, 1928. Helen has two children, as follows:
 - a Edwin Chapman Medill, born Sept. 3, 1914.
 - b Curtis Worthington Medill, born Aug. 5, 1923.

Edwin Stanton Ellis was married a second time June 24, 1903 to Ella May Lance born Dec. 18, 1875. Two children blessed this union, as follows:

- 1 Mary Geneveive Ellis, born April 8, 1904 and died Mar. 3, 1931. Mary was married Aug. 2, 1924 to Robert Mills, born Mar. 15, 1904. She had three children, as follows:
 - a Robert Ellis Mills, born May 25, 1925.
 - b Kathryn Jane Mills, born Oct. 14, 1926, died Sept. 11, 1929.
 - c Maryle Ida Mills, born Nov. 18, 1928.

- 2 Kathryn Pauline Ellis, born July 15, 1912, was married September 1, 1931 to Victor Donald Todd, born Sept. 23, 1903. Kathryn has one child, as follows:
 - a Donald Chadwick Todd, born May 29, 1932.

- IV Clark Pearly Ellis, born Aug. 29, 1869, was married June 23, 1897 to Mabel Shipman, born Mar. 1, 1877. They had one child:
 - 1 Wells Edwin Ellis, born Oct. 2, 1898, died Oct. 19, 1918.

- V Lois Gertrude Ellis, born Aug. 9, 1871, died April 1875.

- VI Nellie Genevera Ellis, born Feb. 29, 1876, was married Feb. 6, 1895 to John Albert Marshall, born Sept. 9, 1864 and died on April 20, 1933. Nellie has two sons, as follows:

- 1 Herman Scott Marshall, born July 20, 1896, was married Jan. 26, 1918 to Ruth Elizabeth Grinrod, born Sept. 13, 1896. Herman has two children, as follows:

- a Dorothy Elizabeth Marshall, born Jan. 15, 1921.

- b Mary Lou Marshall, born Jan. 26, 1932.

Herman held a very distinguished record in the World War. He was a Sargent in Co. B. 112 Regiment. He left with the company for Camp Hancock in September, 1916. While in camp he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. He was chosen as one of three hundred officers to go across in advance. He sailed April 31, 1917, and was the first Meadville boy in action. His work was with the trench mortars and to get the use of the guns, he and his men were brigaded with the French in the battle on Hill 204. At that time he received another promotion to First Lieutenant. At the battle of the Argonne, he was made Captain. After the Armstice, he was sent into Germany to help guard the Russian prison camp, and was located at Ulms, about thirty-five miles from the Swiss border, until the following September, when he was mustered out and came home.

- 2 Donald Jamison Marshall, born May 14, 1903, was married Aug. 7, 1923 to Mary Euphemia Hazen, born April 2, 1899. Donald has two children, as follows:

- a Elizabeth Jane Marshall, born Aug. 11, 1924.

- b Barbara Ann Marshall, born July 7, 1930.

- VII Scott Gilbert Ellis, born Aug. 1877, died September 1878.

VIII Thomas Everett Ellis, born January 31, 1880, died May 18, 1926. Thomas was married Jan. 6, 1904 to Jessie Schrader, of Wheeling, West Virginia. She was born May 27, 1880. They have one child:

1 Dorothy Louise Ellis, born Jan. 18, 1907.

IX Newton Elvin Ellis, born Nov. 20, 1882, was married June 6, 1906 to Olive B. Lance, born Jan. 16, 1883. They have one child:

1 Elvin Ford Ellis, born February 26, 1910.

SKETCH OF ENOCH FORD ELLIS

By Clark P. Ellis

Snow lay in a gigantic blanket on the broad clearing at the home of the pioneer, John Ellis. King Winter still swayed his icy scepter although the month was March, for in the state of Maine March is considered a winter month. In the frontier town of Mayfield, Somerset County, on a March morning in 1833 a sobbing wail heralded the arrival of a new-born babe. Here within the spacious log cabin of the Puritanically stern old pioneer, John Ellis, Susan Ann (Ford) Ellis brought forth a male child and they called him Enoch Ford, in honor of an uncle.

It will be necessary in this short biographical sketch of Enoch, as he will be hereafter called, to mention other members of the family, since influences governing the lives of brothers and sisters environed Enoch's life and many times placed his feet in new paths.

Grandfather John Ellis was considered by his neighbors as a rich man. His holdings of leagues of land covered with forests of pine, spruce and fir were the basis of his wealth. From these holdings he cut and floated to the ocean great rafts of logs to be converted into lumber and masts for ships, but the unwise signing of notes for his wife's brothers, who were engaged in the shipping trade out of the port of St. Johns, New Brunswick, cost him his fortune.

John and Susan found themselves in the prime of life without resources other than health and undaunted courage and an unusual faith and trust in Almighty God. This Puritanical and religious characteristic was ever in evidence throughout the remainder of their lives and surely influenced the religious lives and Christian character in their descendants. With only a team of shaggy horses harnessed to a covered wagon John and Susan loaded their numerous progeny and a few simple household necessities and turned their faces Westward.

Enoch was at that time only a small lad but his childish recollections of his old home in the forest remained vivid throughout his lifetime. A touch of romance helps to cover his reminiscences of the great house of hewn logs with its three fireplaces and mud and stick chimneys, the log and pole goose pens, the long low barns where the oxen were stabled, and the farther reaches of the fields and pastures. Enclosing the homestead was, to his child's mind, a never ending log

and rail fence. In later life Enoch, with his own little ones about him, wove into the true fabric of romance tales of his boyhood days. He loved to recall how he with his older sister Kezia as guide and guardian, accompanied at times by a brother or two, they traveled the rough stony roads through the dim and aweinspiring aisles of the forest, on their way to a neighbor's home on an errand perhaps or just to visit—of how the older boys carried an old flintlock musket that was not loaded (the smell of which kept the bears away.) Timidly holding sister's hand and coming home in the hush of the twilight over a magic carpet of pine needles, set with jewels of granite, marble, and feldspar, on paths among towering firs that reached to the sky, sent a chill of childish dread to his mind lest some of the trees might topple over upon him. Over against such fears was the recollection of trips with his father John into the dim forests to be thrilled by seeing the men cut and trim some of the choicest firs—to see the great trees come crashing down with swishing plumes through the other trees and lie helpless upon the ground. Several yoke of oxen drew the 90 or 100 foot timber to the river at the edge of the forest.

The elemental ideas of achievement of this little Maine lad were shaped in observing the launching of this forest giant upon the river, there to be dexterously guided over the shoals and through the rapids on its way to the ocean, where it would be reared as a mast on some staunch sailing vessel. Boy that he was he sensed the why of every operation. Then came the leaving of it all for new scenes in the then "Far West".

The trip was made in a covered wagon drawn by two horses during the summer of 1841. It took four weeks to complete the journey, since they traveled by easy stages during the day and camped out at night. They were accompanied by two other families that had relatives in western New York. Arriving at the small village of Sugar Grove in Warren county, Pennsylvania, the family waited until spring amid relatives, then came on west to the farm of the Rev. McLean, near Turnersville, Pa. There Enoch, now nearly ten years of age, began the life of a farmer's son, doing chores morning and evening, planting corn and digging potatoes, or carrying maple sap to make the only sweetening they knew, and doing odds and ends of work known in "Yankee" parlance as "chores."

For recreation, the boys sometimes went spearing suckers in Rick-et's run, using a forked stick. The panorama of childhood slipped away, the visions of innocence vanished and in the near distance "Youth" beckoned with alluring hands and flaunted her banners of conquest. Benjamin, Abner, and Enoch began to learn trades, work away from home, and in many small ways help "Grandfather Ellis" to pay for the farm he had bought just south of Hartstown.

Enoch's school days were short but with the help of his sisters Sine and Freda he managed to gather a crum of learning here and there and get a limited education. About this time Enoch was apprenticed to a man by the name of Hitchcock near Kinsman, Ohio to learn the copper's trade. When about sixteen years of age he got the wanderlust and joined a party of homesteaders going to Kansas. Arriving there he attached himself to a U. S. surveying corps that was engaged in running lines on the rolling praries of western Kansas. Here sleeping under the stars and watching the drifting herds of buffaloes, laboring through long hot days,—“Youth” slipped unnoticed from his shoulders and “Manhood” stamped him with the seal of care. Enoch helped run the lines on nine counties, locate new town sites, and one town and county was named for him, ELLIS, Ellis County, Kansas.

Returning home for a period he again became restless and went West a second time, and rafted logs on Lake Pepin in Minnesota. After shifting about for some time, he came back east upon the earnest request of his mother who wrote him, “Enoch, come on back home. I want to see you.” We are informed that this letter contained the greatest amount of tender sentiment ever expressed by Grandmother Ellis,—not because she was lacking in affection but appeared unable to display it. Uncle Ben is reported to have said, “She was damned good mother, Yes Sir.”

For a third time Enoch went west. This time he spent a winter on the Missouri river cutting steamboat wood. While there he made that famous catch of an enormous catfish. It happened in this wise. He shot a squirrel, skinned it, and put it on a great hook fastened to a heavy cord and cast the bait far out into the river. The following morning with the aid of several men, he landed a 180 pound fish. The next winter while teaching school in Missouri, he got a letter from his sister Kezia, who lived at Meringo, Iowa, begging him to come to her aid. Her husband, John Wright, was very sick and she

needed his help. Enoch went and helped her through her husband's sickness and death then brought Aunt Kez and the children back east. He had had enough of wandering, and signed up with his brother Ben as a wheelwright apprentice.

Shortly after taking up the wagon making trade he met and fell in love with Mary Jane Thomas, and after a brief courtship, married her on New Years Day, 1860. The lovers drove to the home of Rev. A. J. Merchant, a Methodist minister, and requested to be married. The minister came to the road and learning their wishes, told them to stand up in the sleigh, where the marriage ceremony was performed making them man and wife. On January 15, Enoch and Mary Jane were again married by the same minister, as the first ceremony was considered illegal, since it was performed in Ohio and without a license.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Enoch said goodbye to his wife and little son John and enlisted along with his brother Benjamin in Co. K. 150th Bucktail Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. A. V. Derickson, one time member of Congress and a close political friend of Lincoln was elected Captain of the company. Lincoln learning of the formation of the company and that his friend Derickson was captain, requested the War Department to assign the company to guard the White House and Soldiers Home. Company K at once entered upon the great responsibility of guarding the life of the immortal Lincoln. Enoch remained with the Company for the remainder of the war. The personal recollections and incidents connected with nearly four years service as one of Lincoln's private guards are too lengthy for a sketch of this kind, but his close association with this great man revealed elements of Lincoln's character little dreamed by his biographers.

Finally the war was over and peace was declared, and the boys returned home. Entering again into civil life, Enoch took up his trade as wagon and carriage maker, built a shop and established a profitable business, which he continued for the remainder of his life. Settling in Hartstown, he laid the foundations of a home that became more and more satisfying to him as the years went by. His love of nature and the growing of crops became a pleasant side line to his regular labor in the shop, and the few adjacent acres to his home gave him many pleasant opportunities to indulge his hobby. A large family of boys and girls found their way into the Ellis home.

With what success Enoch and Aunt Molly (as his wife was called by the clan, to distinguish her from Ben's Mary and Dow's Mary Ellen) accepted the trust and raised the children can best be measured by the milestones the children have themselves erected.

Enoch Ford Ellis was a member of the Hartstown Methodist Episcopal Church and a leader in all church work. For many years he served as Sabbath School Superintendent and member of the official board. He held a prominent position in the church councils when the new building was erected. His home was a home of prayer. He was a charter member of the McKee Post 501 G. A. R. and belonged to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics, he was a life long Republican.

February 15, 1890, while at work in his shop, he was suddenly taken sick and after an illness of only four hours, at 6:30 in the evening his spirit passed into the great unknown. In spirit he was a pioneer, by circumstance, a home builder. His favorite brother was Abner, his favorite sister Alfreda. He was a faithful friend and a fair enemy. To his descendants he left no wealth but blazed a trail at the end of which he left the banner of the cross. How far can it be carried?

Clark P. Ellis

Linesville, Pa., March 13, 1930.

CHAPTER VIII

GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

Nathan Ford Ellis Branch

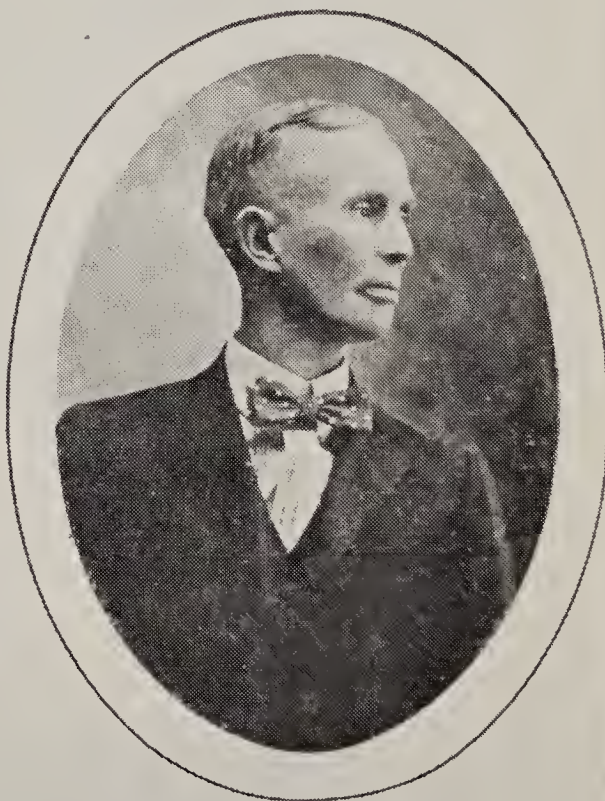
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George R. Ellis



Minnie Robinson



C. Free Ellis

Nathan Ellis's Children

George Rector Ellis
B. Sept. 17, 1867
D. July 21, 1892

Nathan Ford Ellis
B. April 5, 1835
D. April 23, 1903
M. Nov. 13, 1866
Nancy Ann Bowden
B. Aug. 12, 1843
D. June 2, 1925

Minnie Winsome Ellis
B. Nov. 12, 1863
D.

Clarence Free Ellis
B. Feb. 16, 1870
D.

SKETCH OF NATHAN FORD ELLIS

NATHAN Ford Ellis, the eighth child of John and Susan Ann Ellis, was born April 5, 1835, in Mayfield, Maine. He came to Pennsylvania in company with his parents and brothers and sisters in 1841, locating on a farm just north of Jamestown, later removing to the Ellis homestead near Hartstown.

While a member of the senior class at Hillsdale College, Mich. preparing for the ministry, the great Civil War broke out and he and his entire class left their studies and joined the Union Army. He enlisted in the Second Cavalry Regiment of Michigan and served his country until January 6, 1863, when he was honorably discharged as a corporal.

On November 13, 1866, he was married to Nancy Ann Bowden, of Adamsville, and soon went to housekeeping in his own home, located on his half of the Ellis farm, which, after his father's death in 1862, passed to Nathan and Lorenzo Dow. This house still stands. It was built on the western half of the homestead and was reached by the same lane as the RED HOUSE. It was in this house that Nathan's three children were born. The family lived in Erie for a few years and then removed to Jamestown, Pa. His house was beside the Erie and Pittsburgh railroad, where he engaged in the coal, lime and cement business.

He was a resident of the borough for upwards of thirty years winning the honor and respect of the citizens for his many sterling qualities. He was a member of the Borough council and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. In politics, he was a Republican.

Three children were born into Nathan's family, as follows:

- I George Rector Ellis, born September 17, 1867, and died July 21, 1892, at the age of 25 years.
- II Minnie Winsome Ellis, born November 12, 1868, was married March 19, 1890 to James Bert Robinson. He was born March 2, 1868 and died September 7, 1923. Minnie has four children, two boys and two girls, as follows:
 - 1 Ellis Free Robinson, born February 10, 1893. He was married September 8, 1921 to Helen Martin. She was born August 9, 1893. He has three children, as follows:
 - a Nelson Martin Robinson, born October 30, 1922.

b Ellis Free Robinson, Jr., born November 6, 1924.

c Joseph Claire Robinson, born February 10, 1927.

Military Service—Ellis Free Robinson enlisted in Co. M, 16th Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard. This regiment was later designated the 112th Infantry in the 28th Division. He served in the 112th Infantry from June 4, 1917 to May 12, 1919, as Private, Corporal and Sergeant. He served in France from May 6, 1918 to April 30, 1919, and participated in the following major offensives: Campagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne, Meuse-Argonne, and Thiacourt Sector. He was wounded on September 29, 1918 during the Meuse-Argonne fight.

He was commissioned a First Lieutenant of Infantry at the reorganization of the Pennsylvania National Guard, January 1, 1920, and assigned as Battallion Adjutant, 112th Infantry. He was promoted to Captain April 18, 1921, and assigned to regimental staff as Adjutant, and is still serving in the National Guard. He attended the Infantry Officers School at Fort Benning, Georgia, spring of 1929.

- 2 James Brittain Robinson was born June 22, 1897. He was married August 25, 1921 to Helen Marie Baker. She was born April 22, 1898. Two children were born, as follows:

a Jean Marie Robinson, born August 30, 1922.

b James Milton Robinson, born July 5, 1924.

Military Service—James Brittain Robinson was in the army during the World War, enlisting early in 1918 and serving in Panama as a member of the 33rd Infantry. He was in the officers training camp when the armstice was signed.

- 3 Winsome Nancy Robinson was born July 29, 1904 in Jamestown, Pa. She was married July 20, 1933 to LeRoy Vincent Clark, and resides in the Frontenac Apts., Pittsburgh. They have one child:

a Barbara Ann Clark, born April 23, 1934.

- 4 Ruth Emily Robinson was born September 7, 1905 in Jamestown, Pa.

III Clarence Free Ellis, the youngest child of Nathan Ford Ellis and Nancy Ann (Bowden) Ellis, was born February 16, 1870 in a house built by his father on the John Ellis homestead near Hartstown, Pa. He was married June 20, 1906 to Iva Martin,

of Jamestown, Pa. She was born February 16, 1882. They live beside the Erie and Pittsburgh Railroad in the family home of his father Nathan. Free, as he is familiarly called, has been prominent in borough affairs for many years, serving as secretary of the local school board and postmaster at Jamestown during several Republican administrations. He and his wife are members in good standing of the Jamestown Presbyterian Church. There are four children in the Ellis family, as follows:

- 1 George Ross Ellis, born April 12, 1907, was married September 7, 1935 to Esther Elizabeth Fell, of Greenville, Pa. George is a graduate of Westminster College and now a member of its faculty.
- 2 Minnie Margaret Ellis, born November 10, 1908, was married December 26, 1934 to Richard Glendon Smith, a son of Frank P. Smith and Fannie Smith of Grove City, Pa. Minnie and her husband reside at 949 Pittsburgh St., Springdale, Pa., where he is engaged as a teacher in the High School. They have one child, as follows:
 - a Richard Ellis Smith, born Nov. 4, 1935.
- 3 Ethelyn Elizabeth Ellis, born Oct. 5, 1910.
- 4 Dorothy Jean Ellis, born Nov. 8, 1912.

Military Service of Nathan Ford Ellis in the Civil War

The Second Cavalry Regiment of Michigan, in which Nathan served, was mustered into the service October 2, 1861, at Grand Rapids. It left the state November 14, 1861, was mustered out August 17, 1865, and returned to Jackson, Michigan, August 26, 1865.

Nathan was a member of the regiment from the date of his enlistment September 6, 1861, until January 6, 1863, when he was honorably discharged as a corporal at Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a student at Hillsdale College, Michigan, at the time of his enlistment, which accounts for his enrollment in a Michigan regiment.

The Second Cavalry Regiment was raised by Col. F. W. Kellogg. On November 14, 1861, it moved from its barracks at Grand Rapids to St. Louis, Mo. where Capt. Gordon Granger assumed command as colonel. The regiment was stationed during the winter at Benton Barracks, near that city. Early in March, 1862, it left that point to take part with the forces of General Pope in the operations against Island No. 10, a strongly fortified position in the Mississippi river a few miles below the mouth of the Ohio. The siege lasted until April 7,

when it was captured. The regiment then joined the army under Gen. Halleck in front of Corinth, where it was actively engaged until the evacuation of that place by the Confederates.

On May 25, 1862, Capt. P. H. Sheridan, of the regular army, was commissioned as colonel of the regiment. Throughout the long and arduous services of this gallant regiment, which terminated with the rebellion, it was the terror of rebels whenever it came in contact with them. Always superbly armed and equipped, the men brave, and all of them most excellent shots, it seldom attacked without defeating and routing the enemy or severely punishing them, even when compelled to retire before superior numbers.

At Boonville, July 1, 1862, and at Dandridge, December 24, 1863, it most signally distinguished itself. In the former engagement, under the brilliant leadership of Sheridan, the Second Michigan held its ground against overwhelming odds; and in the latter engagement, under the leadership of the equally brave and dashing Col. A. B. Campbell, the regiment, when completely surrounded, cut its way out by a bold and gallant dash.

The history of the Second Regiment is full of stirring incidents and stubborn engagements throughout the remainder of the war. It was almost continuously on the march or engaged in skirmishes with the enemy from March, 1862 until April 23, 1865, when it fought its last battle at Talladega, Alabama. As related above it was mustered out and returned to Michigan in August of the same year.

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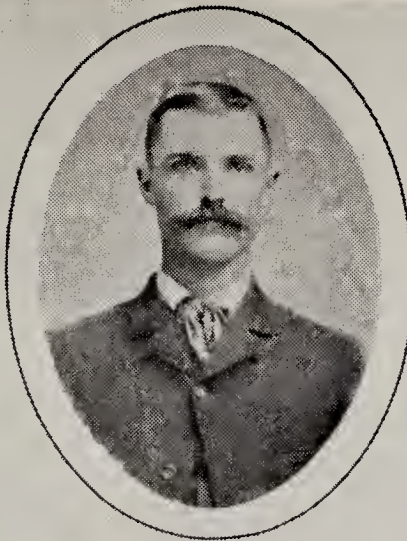
CHAPTER IX
GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

Cyrus Stilton Ellis Branch

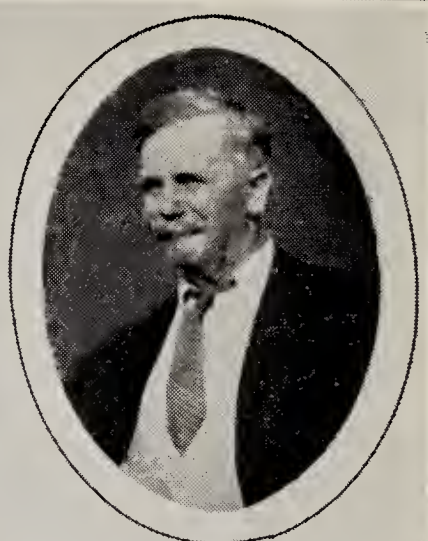
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Adelaide Thompson



Nathan S. Ellis



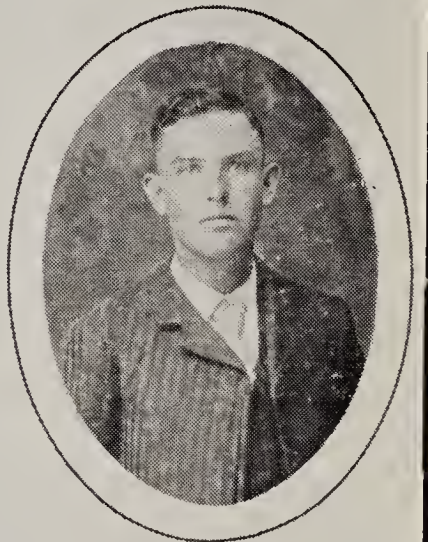
John Wm Ellis



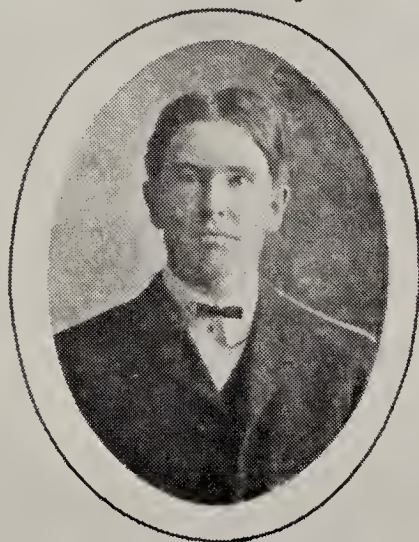
Emma Jane Olson



Myrta May Watt



Herbert B. Ellis



Fred V. Ellis



Cyrus F. Ellis

Cyrus Stilton's Children.

Eunice Adelaide Ellis
B. Oct. 24, 1861
D.

Nate Sherman Ellis
B. Mar. 18, 1864
D.

Ernest Sheridan Ellis
B. Dec. 24, 1865
D. Dec. 8, 1872

John Wm. Ellis
B. Feb. 29, 1868
D. May 3, 1934

Cyrus Stilton Ellis
B. April 26, 1836
D. Sept. 11, 1915
M. June 23, 1859
Martha Ann Rudy
B. Jan. 22, 1840
D. Nov. 6, 1887
M. Feb. 2, 1889
Sarah Cunningham
B. May 1, 1856
D. Oct. 2, 1919

Emma Jane Ellis
B. May 16, 1870
D.

Myrta May Ellis
B. Mar. 1, 1876
D. Oct. 24, 1931

Birt Bernard Ellis
B. Aug. 5, 1877
D. Sept. 20, 1914

Fred Valentine Ellis
B. Feb. 14, 1882
D.

Susan Catherine Ellis
B. Oct. 2, 1891
D.

Cyrus Fields Ellis
B. Mar. 9, 1893
D.

CYRUS Stilton Ellis, the ninth child of John and Susan Ann Ellis, was born April 26, 1836, in Mayfield, Somerset county, Maine, and died September 11, 1915 at Pittsburg, Kan. aged seventy-nine years.

His early life was spent on his father's farm in the backwoods of Maine amidst most primitive surroundings. He was only five years old when the family emigrated to Western Pennsylvania. Here he grew up among a large family of boys and girls, attending school occasionally and doing odd jobs for his father or some neighbor.

At the age of twenty-three, on June 23, 1859, he was married to Martha Ann Rudy, of Linesville, Pa. She was born January 22, 1840, and died November 6, 1887. Eight children were born to this union, some in Pennsylvania and some in the west.

Cyrus was married a second time, February 2, 1889, to Sarah Cunningham. She was born May 1, 1856, and died October 2, 1919. Two children were born to the second wife.

After spending a part of his married life in the west, Cyrus returned to Pennsylvania in the early seventies to aid in settling up the Rudy estate. During a part of this time he lived on the place and engaged in farming, later moving to Hartstown. He soon grew restless however, and returned to Kansas, where he became a homesteader in the vicinity of Pittsburg, and here he spent the balance of his days.

Cyrus became the father of ten children, as follows:

- I Eunice Adelaide Ellis, born October 24, 1861, was married Sept. 6, 1883 to George Byron Thompson, of Opolis, Kansas. He was born August 31, 1856. They have two children, as follows:
 - 1 Cleone Lee Thompson, born July 10, 1884. She was married October 30, 1902 to Frank Arley Cogle. He was born August 16, 1874. They have two children, as follows:
 - a Alma Marie Cogle, born December 16, 1904. She was married Sept. 2, 1928 to Cloyd LeRoy Hawley, born Dec. 30, 1906. They have one child:

Alene Clarice Hawley, born Aug. 21, 1929.
 - b Eunice Matilda Cogle, born May 5, 1911.
 - 2 Fred Ellis Thompson, born Sept. 20, 1892. He was married Nov. 1, 1916 to Mae Browning, born February 9, 1892. Four children were born, as follows:

- a Georgia Muriel Thompson, born Feb. 22, 1918.
 - b Ruby Lavon Thompson, born April 17, 1920, died Jan. 15, 1922.
 - c J. C. Thompson, born July 20, 1922.
 - d Freda Mae Thompson, born May 2, 1925.
- II Nate Sherman Ellis, born March 18, 1864, was married Oct. 28, 1894 to Luminda Amon Downs. She was born Oct. 11, 1876. Nate is a farmer and lives near Opolis, Kansas. He is the father of ten children, as follows:
- 1 John Ellis, born Aug. 29, 1895. He was married January 8, 1916 to Audra C. Smith. She was born April 3, 1899. They have four children, as follows:
 - a Alfred Lee Ellis, born July 21, 1917. Died June 28, 1933.
 - b Richard E. Ellis, born Feb. 7, 1920.
 - c Raymond C. Ellis, born July 29, 1924.
 - d Junior H. Ellis, born July 9, 1927.
 - 2 Nellie Martha Ellis, born June 20, 1897. She was married April 3, 1915 to Clarence E. Mason. He was born March 1, 1895. They have five children, as follows:
 - a Cecil Edward Mason, born Dec. 3, 1915.
 - b Everett Leslie Mason, born Oct. 31, 1917.
 - c Merle Raymond Mason, born Aug. 9, 1920.
 - d Ethel Lorene Mason, born Oct. 19, 1922.
 - e Calvin Coolidge Mason, born Nov. 5, 1924.
 - 3 Lester Elmer Ellis, born February 6, 1899.
 - 4 Gladys Dern Ellis, born April 13, 1903. She was married January 25, 1920 to Orpha Lawrence Cox. He was born July 3, 1901. They have two children, as follows:
 - a Austin Shelt Cox, born Oct. 4, 1920.
 - b Ruth May Cox, born Feb. 2, 1922.
 - 5 Pearl Marie Ellis, born February 17, 1906. She was married Nov. 3, 1926 to Elza Ernest Hobson, born Dec. 30, 1900. They have three children, as follows:
 - a Lelia Darlene Hobson, born Nov. 2, 1927.
 - b Carl Leroy Hobson, born July 25, 1929.
 - c Ruby Fern Hobson, born July 4, 1931.
 - 6 Charles Ellis, born February 29, 1908.
 - 7 Elva Ellis, born March 14, 1911, was married July 8, 1929

to John Hobson, born Aug. 11, 1903.

- 8 Helen Ellis, born March 10, 1913, was married Sept. 5, 1931 to Mack Seal, born April 24, 1911.

a Marjorie Maxine Seal, born Oct. 29, 1933.

- 9 Alta Ellis, born June 4, 1915.

- 10 Alpha Ellis, born November 14, 1919.

III Ernest Sheridan Ellis, born Dec. 24, 1865, died Dec. 8, 1872.

IV John William Ellis, born Feb. 29, 1868. He was married Dec. 22, 1904 to Ada Seybold. She was born September 20, 1883. Mr. Ellis died May 3, 1934. There are six children, as follows:

- 1 Frank Aaron Ellis, born October 4, 1905.

- 2 Arthur George Ellis, born July 27, 1907. He was married Sept. 8, 1928 to Etta Leona Butler. She was born June 10, 1908. There are two children, as follows:

a Homer A. Ellis, born May 26, 1929.

b Robert Ira Ellis, born April 10, 1934.

- 3 Ruth Mattie Ellis, born April 25, 1909.

- 4 Wright Buster Ellis, born April 16, 1915.

- 5 Rowena Augusta Ellis, born August 25, 1917.

- 6 Martha Jane Ellis, born December 2, 1921.

V Emma Jane Ellis, born May 16, 1870. She was married October 21, 1905 to Adolph J. Olsen. He was born March 12, 1870. They live in San Diego, Calif.

VI Myrta May Ellis, born March 1, 1876. She was married Dec. 23, 1896 to Jacob Franklin Watt, born Dec. 12, 1872. She died Oct. 24, 1931 after having given birth to eight children, as follows:

- 1 Ray Alton Watt, born Oct. 7, 1897. He was married Nov. 13, 1918 to Jessie R. Fonburg, born July 8, 1898. They have two children, as follows:

a Dalton Ray Watt, born May 4, 1921.

b Vernon Lee Watt, born Jan. 11, 1924.

- 2 Kenneth Glenn Watt, born Dec. 10, 1898, died Feb. 24, 1926.

- 3 Richard Longsford Watt, born April 13, 1900, was married Feb. 25, 1922 to Mae Lyden, born Oct. 13, 1903. Their home is at Arcadia, Kan. They have three children, as follows:

- a Charles Richard Watt, born June 9, 1925.
 - b Glenn Edward Watt, born July 27, 1926.
 - c Dorothy Mae Watt, born December 27, 1930.
 - 4 Bessie Blanche Watt, born Feb. 8, 1902, was married June 2, 1920 to Michael Gutman, born Jan. 18, 1889. Bessie died April 28, 1931 leaving one child,
 - a Michael Gutman, Jr., born March 11, 1921.
 - 5 Ruby Ruth Watt, born Sept. 24, 1903, was married April 14, 1923 to Louis Ballock, born July 19, 1887. She lives at Frontenac, Kan.
 - 6 Edith Irene Watt, born Feb. 5, 1906, was married Sept. 23, 1932 to Samuel A. Variat, Jr., born Aug. 23, 1902. She lives at Arcadia, Kan.
 - 7 Theodore Franklin Watt, born Aug. 13, 1910, was married April 30, 1929 to Beth M. Hagendorn, born Feb. 24, 1909. He lives at Wichita, Kan. He has one child, as follows:
 - a Patsy Marie Watt, born March 12, 1931.
 - 8 Paul Ellis Watt, born Feb. 2, 1913, lives at Arcadia, Kan.
- VII Birt Bernard Ellis, born Aug. 5, 1877, was married Dec. 25, 1898 to Emma B. Spear, born Feb. 23, 1879. Mr. Ellis died Sept. 20, 1914, leaving a family of seven boys and girls, as follows:
- 1 Fred Edward Ellis, born Oct. 25, 1899, was married June 30, 1925 to Ruby Woodbury, born October 16, 1900. He has one child, as follows:
 - a Fred Edward Ellis, Jr., born April 22, 1926.
 - 2 Lee Esther Ellis, born April 19, 1901, was married May 7, 1931 to Ethel Butler, born March 27, 1912. There is one child,
 - a Beatrice Lee Ellis, born May 11, 1932.
 - 3 Claude Ellis, born Dec. 27, 1903, was married Oct. 27, 1927 to Ruby Skoggs, born Oct. 1, 1907.
 - 4 Della Opal Ellis, born Dec. 7, 1905, was married Dec. 24, 1925 to George Frederick Ross, born September 1, 1896. Della has two children, as follows:
 - a Dolores Dean Ross, born December 3, 1928.
 - b Donna Lee Ross, born May 20, 1930.
 - 5 Clyde Ellis, born March 13, 1908, was married February 15, 1930 to Florence Messenger, born March 15, 1909. Clyde has two children, as follows:

a Dorothy Jane Ellis, born Nov. 14, 1930.

b Clyde Warren Ellis, born Aug. 12, 1932.

6 Leslie A. Ellis, born May 6, 1910, was married March 29, 1930 to Pauline Boarts, born Aug. 4, 1914. Leslie has one child,

a Jackie Lee Ellis, born Jan. 2, 1931.

7 Daisy E. Ellis, born Oct. 2, 1913, was married Sept. 4, 1930 to Carl Henry, born November 22, 1900. She has one child,

a Robert Gene Henry, born May 31, 1932.

Mrs. Ellis, Birt's widow, was married again to a Mr. Byler, of Girard, Kan. She keeps in close touch with her children and furnished the data for this family history. Her eldest son was in the World War and served as Quartermaster in the U. S. Navy, having trained at the Great Lakes Naval Academy, Chicago. He sailed from Philadelphia for London, England.

VIII Fred Valentine Ellis, born February 14, 1882, was married Nov. 24, 1905 to Mary Edith Spurrier, born Dec. 26, 1886. He resides in Pittsburg, Kan. Nine children were born to the union, as follows:

1 Arthur Winton Ellis, born Nov. 4, 1906.

2 Glen Preston Ellis, born Dec. 7, 1907.

3 Ernest Everett Ellis, born June 2, 1909.

4 Christine Winifred Ellis, born March 3, 1911.

5 Wayne Harold Ellis, born June 25, 1915.

6 Kenneth Earl Ellis, born October 2, 1918.

7 Bernice Grace Ellis, born April 27, 1921.

8 Dale Howard Ellis, born Dec. 25, 1924.

9 Mary Louise Ellis, born Dec. 16, 1926.

Fred Valentine Ellis was the youngest of Cyrus's children by his first wife, Martha Ann Rudy. She died November 6, 1887, and Cyrus was married a second time to Sarah Ann Cunningham, by whom he had two children, as follows:

IX Susie Cathrine Ellis, born Oct. 2, 1891, was married Nov. 26, 1909 to Ezra Seybold, born April 12, 1877. She has three children, as follows:

1 Marie Dolores Seybold, born Sept. 16, 1910.

2 Laverne Lillian Seybold, born March 9, 1913.

3 Dorothy Mildred Seybold, born April 17, 1917.

- X Cyrus Field Ellis, born March 9, 1893, was married January 24, 1911 to Bessie May Clark, born March 1, 1893. He lives in Pittsburg, Kan. and has three children, as follows:
- 1 Viola Fern Ellis, born Nov. 4, 1911, was married April 30, 1933 to Theodore R. Wyland.
 - 2 Etta Elizabeth Ellis, born July 7, 1915.
 - 3 Shirley Jean Ellis, born April 2, 1930.

CHAPTER X
GENEALOGY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY

Lorenzo Dow Ellis Branch

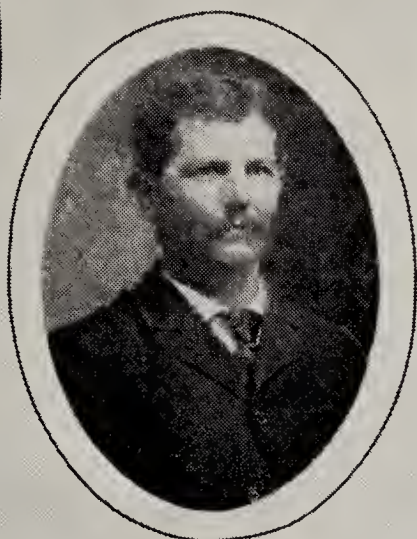
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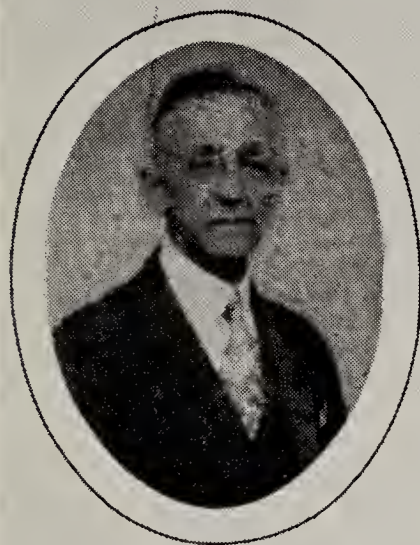
Frank Ellis



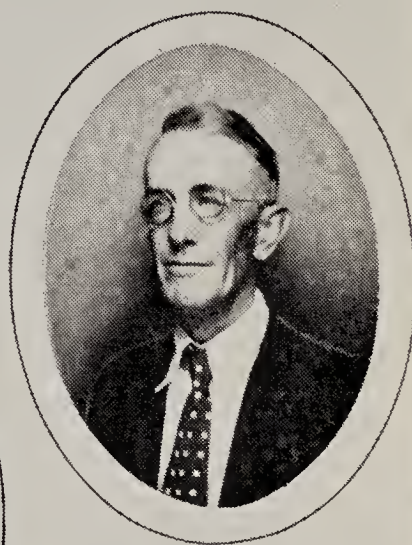
Maude Ellis



Park Ellis



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Harry Ellis



Arthur Ellis

Lorenzo Dow's Children

Direct Descendants of Lorenzo Dow Ellis and Ellen (Duncan) Ellis,
of Hartstown, Po.

J. Frank Ellis
B. Mar. 8, 1864
D. Jan. 18, 1926

Park Ellis
B. June 15, 1867
D.

Maude Ellis
B. July 2, 1868
D.

Lorenzo Dow Ellis
B. Nov. 28, 1838
D. Mar. 23, 1922
Ellen Duncan
B. Oct. 18, 1844
D. Jan. 18, 1913
M. June 30, 1863

Herbert Ellis
B. Dec. 19, 1869
D.

Jennie Ellis
B. Sept. 11, 1871
D. Mar. 4, 1875

Wm. Arthur Ellis
B. June 16, 1879
D.

Harry N. Ellis
B. Nov. 17, 1881
D.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF LORENZO DOW ELLIS

LORENZO Dow Ellis, the youngest of the John Ellis family, was named for an eccentric New England divine called Lorenzo Dow. He was born in Mayfield, Maine, November 28, 1838, only two years before the family emigrated to Pennsylvania. His entire life, with the exception of a few years at Jefferson, Ohio, was spent on the Ellis farm about one mile south of Hartstown.

Dow, as he was familiarly called, was an excellent farmer, and an interesting man to know. He had honest blue eyes, light brown hair, and a fair complexion. He was slightly undersized, but strong and rugged. He had rare good sense, a genial disposition, and pleasant manners, that won for him a host of friends. He had learned that rare art of living and working to the best advantage to himself and others. Comparatively speaking, his life was a success. He got more out of any enterprise than his neighbors, for he helped himself more and hired less. Whatever pleasure there was in the performance of a task, he enjoyed. He could build a haystack or cap a shock of wheat in the most approved way, so as to resist the elements and keep off the wind and rain, and he seemed to take pleasure in performing such feats in the most artistic manner. He got more out of life than most men. Making a living was not a hasty or disagreeable task, but a pleasurable diversion. He worked slowly but surely, enjoying the sweet of it. His horses were always well fed and carefully groomed. His cattle had the best of pasturage and were sleek and clean. For a number of years in later life he ran a small dairy and delivered milk to the residents of Hartstown, an occupation still followed by his son Park, who lives on the old homestead.

If he plowed a piece of land, every furrow had to be turned completely over, and if by chance a grassy edge was accidentally exposed, he would stop the horses and go back to tramp it down. His harrowing was just as carefully done. I remember a particular piece of waste land known as White's Point, which he farmed on shares for three successive seasons. It had lain fallow for many years and was partially overgrown with briars and bushes. Dow grubbed and plowed them out, burned the roots, then harrowed the ground until it was like an ash heap. The first year he planted corn. The soil was not very fertile but he got a satisfactory crop. This was largely due to

his careful preparation of the ground and thorough cultivation of the crop. A less successful husbandman would have made a failure perhaps. In those days, pumpkins were always grown among the corn, and I still remember that particular corn field for its abundance of yellow pumpkins after the corn was cut and shocked. My interest, perhaps, was all the greater because I had helped to plant the corn and drop the seed. Dow practiced rotation in crops, and the next spring plowed the hillside and sowed oats. This was followed the succeeding year by a bumper crop of wheat. The waste land that had been scarcely fit for pasturage had been made to blossom like the rose.

Dow lived to a ripe old age. He died March 23, 1922 in his 84th. year, having outlived all the other members of the family. He is buried in the Hartstown cemetery. About ten years before his death, he visited a son in California, and on the way home stopped off in Kansas to see his one remaining brother Cyrus Stilton, or "Tilt." The latter's daughter, Adaline, tells me that she remembers him distinctly.

Dow and his wife Ellen were consistant members of the Hartstown United Presbyterian Church. She was born October 18, 1844, and died January 18, 1913.

I J. Frank Ellis, born March 8, 1864, died Jan. 18, 1926. Frank was married Jan. 14, 1891 to Anna Benjamin, born July 31, 1872. Two children were born to the union, as follows:

1 Mildred Elizabeth Ellis, born July 20, 1893, was married Oct. 14, 1914 to Robert W. Gillespie, born Sept. 4, 1888.

There are three children, as follows:

a Robert Wray Gillespie, born Dec. 19, 1916.

b Frederic Gordon Gillespie, born Dec. 10, 1922.

c Miriam Eleanor Gillespie, born Dec. 16, 1929.

2 Harold Benjamin Ellis, born Jan. 31, 1896, was married June 14, 1923 to Stella Winton Pope, born Dec. 22, 1901.

There are three children, as follows:

a Harold Benjamin Ellis, Jr., born Nov. 30, 1925.

b Anne Elizabeth Ellis, born June 30, 1928.

c John Pope Ellis, born March 30, 1933.

Services in the World War—Harold enlisted May 30, 1917 at Younstown, Ohio, in the U. S. Medical Department. He was trained at Allentown, Pa. with Base Hospital, No. 31, and accompanied that unit to France via Camp Lille, Hobo-

ken, Liverpool, Southampton, and Le Havre. The unit established permanent base at Contrexeville in the Vosges, Jan. 1, 1918. He was transferred to U. S. Surgical Team No. 2 April 10, and sent to Souilly for training with the British Field Hospital but that unit was wiped out in the German drive.

He was then assigned to the French Automobile Chirurgical No. 7 on Compiègne-Soissons sector, where he remained during the retreat towards Paris until the equipment was destroyed, when the unit was sent en'repos June 30th.

He was on surgical duty at American Hospital No. 1 at Paris and Roosevelt Hospital at Chaumont until assigned to U. S. Surgical Team No. 19 on Aug. 12th.

He served with U. S. Mobile Hospital No. 1 at Chateau Thierry, Chierry, and Crezanzy and then proceeded to Toul sector with U. S. Evacuation Hospital No. 3 for St. Mihiel drive.

He accompanied No. 3 to Mont Frenot for Champagne offensive and then joined Evacuation No. 7 at Fleury for Argonne offensive. He rejoined Base Hospital No. 31 after the Armistice and returned to the United States by way of Nantes and Philadelphia.

He was mustered out at Camp Dix, May 6, 1919, after two years service. He suffered no injuries of any kind.

His present address is 373 Quest End Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. He is engaged in the insurance business as field representative in charge of agencies.

II Park Ellis of Hartstown, Pa. was born June 15, 1867. He was married Feb. 2, 1891 to Catherine Hulda Miller. She was born Dec. 27, 1869. Three children were born to this union:

- 1 Essie Pearl Ellis, of Jamestown, N. Y. was born July 11, 1892. She was married Jan. 26, 1909 to Max E. Stafford. He was born Aug. 19, 1889 and died Oct. 15, 1926. She was married a second time to Floyd David Sample, born March 30, 1889. The ceremony took place June 13, 1931. To the first husband there were five children, as follows:
 - a Donald Ellis Stafford, born July 7, 1910.
 - b Wendell Edward Stafford, born Aug. 21, 1911.
 - c Freda Marian Stafford, born Nov. 26, 1913, died Feb.

22, 1914.

d Frederick Maxwell Stafford, born Nov. 26, 1913, died Feb. 24, 1914.

e Earl Albert Stafford, born April 21, 1915.

2 Ethel Marie Ellis, of Meadville, Pa., was born Aug. 17, 1895. She was married June 19, 1916 to Franklin Frederick Thayer. He was born Jan. 1, 1896. They have four children, as follows:

a June Catherine Thayer, born Oct. 25, 1918.

b Virginia Gall Thayer, born Aug. 19, 1921.

c Rose Marie Thayer, born Nov. 27, 1922.

d Glen Ellis Thayer, born Jan. 26, 1924, and died Jan. 13, 1925.

3 Helen Lucinda Ellis, of Clarion, Pa., was born January 27, 1904. She was married Nov. 8, 1926 to John Russell Mills. He was born May 20, 1903.

III Maude Ellis, of Hartstown, Pa., was born July 2, 1868. She was married to John McCurdy, who was born April 16, 1848 and died April 4, 1924. One child survives:

1 Jeanette Winifred, born May 11, 1887. She was married June 5, 1907 to William Norbert Adams, born January 20, 1884. They have two children, as follows:

a Raymond Ellsworth Adams, born March 16, 1908, was married Oct. 3, 1927 to Uda Maude Marhofer, born Sept. 15, 1908. They had four children, as follows:

Betty Jean Adams, born July 6, 1928.

James Frederick Adams, born Jan. 18, 1931, and died September 19, 1931.

Donald Raymond Adams, born March 30, 1932.

Arnold Arden Adams, born April 16, 1934.

b Sarah Maude Adams, born September 26, 1910.

IV Herbert Ellis, of Long Beach, Calif., was born Dec. 19, 1869. He was married to Mary Parker, born Jan. 7, 1871, and died Oct. 17, 1920. There were three children, as follows:

1 Herbert Le Grand Ellis, 614 S. Locust St., Visalia, Calif., was born April 27, 1898. He was married Sept. 5, 1922 to Norma Belle Weaver, born Feb. 18, 1900. They have two children, as follows:

- a Mary Evelyn Ellis, born Aug. 21, 1923.
- b Normita Le Grand Ellis, born Dec. 14, 1930.
- 2 Raymond Lorenzo Ellis, born Sept. 5, 1902, and died Aug. 5, 1907.
- 3 Edward Parker Ellis, 2127 Bermuda St., Long Beach, Calif., was born Dec. 15, 1909. He was married March 27, 1932 to Helen Marguerite Marmion. She was born Jan. 28, 1911.
 - a Lloyd Ellis, born April 23, 1934.
- V Jennie Ellis was born September 11, 1871, and died March 4, 1875.
- VI Wm. Arthur Ellis, Hartstown, Pa., was born June 16, 1879. He was married Feb. 15, 1905 to Estella Elizabeth***** She was born December 22, 1876.
- VII Harry N. Ellis, Hartstown, Pa., was born Nov. 17, 1881. He was married Feb. 21, 1905 to Della Ernst, born May 1, 1884. Harry has five children, as follows:
 - a Charles Norman Ellis, born 1906, died 1921.
 - b Lorenzo Dow Ellis, born July 29, 1908.
 - c Mae Alberta Ellis, born Nov. 23, 1911.
 - d Mable Adelaide Ellis, born Nov. 23, 1911.
 - e Paul Stephen Ellis, born Dec. 6, 1913.

APPENDIX

A BRIEF HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE FORD FAMILY

The following pages were compiled from data received partly by tradition, through my mother and Aunt Kezia, and partly from the correspondence with John Springer and Sewall Ford.

It is of little interest to the present generation of Ellises on account of the far out connection and remote date, but my mother's people were much interested in the Ford relatives and kept up a correspondence with them for a number of years after the Ellises came to Pennsylvania. Aunt Kezia met some of the Fords when she visited the Maine relatives, in company with her mother, soon after the Civil War, and some of the Ford relatives came to see the Ellises.

One of the interesting sidelights shed by this brief notice concerning the Fords is the persistence of family names. Several members of the Ellis family were named in honor of Ford uncles and aunts and Ford became the middle name of others. In a few instances the name has been given to Ellis descendants in the third generation.

March 22, 1933.

Milo H. Miller

Susan Ann Ford's father was Abner Ford, He also, like Samuel Ellis, was twice married. To his first wife, Abigail Trask, he had three children, Nathan, William and Bethia. To his second wife, Susan Fowls, he had eight children, Abner, Susan Ann, (our ancestor), Silence, Asenath, Enoch, Eliza, Elijah, and Hannah.

To make the Ellis and Ford Families stand out clearly, I have arranged them in the form of a genealogical table, as follows:

Samuel Ellis and Barbara Blanchard	{ Freeborn Ellis Mary Ellis Sweet Ellis Timeon Ellis Nancy Ellis Barbara Ellis John Ellis Samuel Ellis	M. Susan Ann Ford
Samuel Ellis and Sarah Withey	{ Nathaniel Ellis William Ellis Sumner Ellis Sarah Ellis	
Abner Ford and Abigail Trask	{ Nathan Ford William Ford Bethia Ford	M. Samel Simpson
Abner Ford and Susan Fowls	{ Abner Ford Susan Ann Ford Silence Ford Asenath Ford Enoch Ford Eliza Ford Elijah Ford Hannah Ford	M. John Ellis M. Cotton Weeks M. Johnathan Smith, a noted hunter. Moved to Michigan Grandfather of Sewall Ford. M. John Springer See Appendix. M. Martin McPherson, a Methodist minister.

(From correspondence with John Springer and Sewell Ford)

The following letter was addressed November 4, 1890, to John Springer, of Lincoln, Maine, about the time that I first became interested in the Ellis and Ford ancestry.

Mr. John Springer,
Lincoln, Maine.

Dear Sir,

I hope that you will pardon me for addressing you personally upon a matter of no concern, perhaps, to you, but of great interest to myself.

My mother, Silence Ford (Ellis) Miller, now 62 years of age, came to Pennsylvania from Mayfield, Somerset Co., Me., in 1840. She was accompanied by her father and mother, John and Susan Ann Ellis, and a large family of brothers and sisters. Mrs. Ellis was my maternal grandmother. Her maiden name was Ford, and she had a large number of brothers and sisters residing in Maine when they came to this state.

Before the Civil War, grandmother and her husband returned to Maine on a visit among friends and relatives, but while there, he was taken sick, and, after a brief illness, died and was buried at Greenville, near the foot of Moosehead Lake. Grandmother came home, but being dissatisfied with her former visit, she, in company with her daughter, Kezia, returned to Maine, set tomb-stones to her husband's grave, and after making a brief visit, came home. She died a few years thereafter. Since the time of this latter visit, none of my grandmother's family have ever returned to Maine, and we do not know whether any of her brothers and sisters are still living, perhaps not, since so many years have intervened.

Having obtained your address from the Merchantile Agency's Report, I am taking the liberty of writing you, hoping that you may be the John Springer, who married Eliza Ford. If you are in any way related to this family of Fords, formerly of Mayfield, I trust that you will be kind enough to make reply to my letter of inquiry concerning them.

I am collecting information for a history of my ancestors, which would be altogether incomplete without an account of the Ford connections in Maine.

In return for your kindness, I shall be glad to supply you with information in my possession concerning the Ellis branch of the family referred to above.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you at an early date, I am with great respect

Yours very sincerely,
MILO H. MILLER

REPLY OF JOHN SPRINGER, LINCOLN, MAINE

Mr. Milo H. Miller,
Hartstown, Pa.

Dear Sir,

Yours of November 4, 1890, is received, making inquiry of one John Springer, who married Eliza Ford. I am happy to give you that information, being the man that married the said Eliza.

I will give you a record of my family as I have it:—

John Springer, born May 20, 1813.

Eliza Ford, born Jan. 4, 1804, died May 30, 1869.

John Springer and Eliza Ford married January 1, 1835.

Children:

Hannah, born May 2, 1836; married Norman Page, Burlington, Me.

Elizabeth Ann, born Jan. 8, 1838; married C. H. Miller, Lincoln, Me.

Elizabeth died October 19, 1890.

David F., born June 22, 1839; died April 25, 1861.

Lewis S., born Feb. 28, 1841; now living in New Windsor, Colo.

Romelia J., born April 18, 1843; married J. F. Pickering, Lincoln.

Romelia died April 5, 1880.

Mary E., born Jan. 18, 1847; married Thos. D. Page, Burlington.

As you are desirous of obtaining information of the Ford family, I am willing to assist you all I can, as I was in my younger days well acquainted with most all branches of the Ford family; but as they are now mostly dead and scattered, I have largely lost the run of them.

I was well acquainted with the Ellis family in my younger days. In 1865, my son, Lewis S. was doing business in the oil country of Pennsylvania, and I and my daughter, Elizabeth Ann, (Mrs. Charles H. Miller) paid them a visit. That was in May, 1865. On our way there we visited Mrs. Ellis and her children. Elizabeth's husband was in

the army and after the close of the war, he joined us there. They returned to Maine the first of the winter, and visited the Ellises on their way.

Mrs. Ellis and her daughter visited us while in Maine. The Simpsons you spoke of their visiting in Boston, I think must have been Lewis Simson, of Milford, Maine. His mother was a half sister of Mrs. Ellis. You can get information in regard to the Abner Ford family by addressing Caleb J. Ford, Atkinson, Piscataquis Co., Me.

Elijah Ford lived in Bangor. He died about four or five years ago. His widow lives with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Boardman, No. 5, Forest Ave., Bangor, Me.

Please forgive bad writing and mistakes in spelling, for I am getting to be quite shaky and forgetful.

Yours obediently,

John Springer

SUPPLEMENT TO FIRST LETTER

My daughter Hannah has five children, three girls and two boys. The oldest girl is married to E. A. Reed, North Lee, Me. The oldest boy is in medical college, Burlington, Vt.

Elizabeth Ann had two children, a boy and a girl. The boy is now engaged on the Boston and Lowell R. R., Mass. The girl is now keeping house for her father, since the death of her mother, with whom I have made my home for a number of years.

Romelia at her death left four children, all girls. The two youngest died one year after their mother within two hours of each other with diphtheria.

Lewis S., living in New Windsor, Colo., has seven children. Their oldest girl is married and has one child. Lewis and wife and two youngest children made a visit in Maine the past summer, also made us a visit four years previous.

I lived in the family of Capt. Abner Ford some eight years before I married his sister, so you see I had a good opportunity to become acquainted with the Ford family and descendants, as I used to visit them frequently in Mayfield and other parts of the country.

You can gain further information by addressing any of the above named families.

J. S.

SECOND LETTER OF JOHN SPRINGER, LINCOLN, ME.

Lincoln, Me., November 23, 1890

Mr. Milo H. Miller,
Hartstown, Pa.

Dear Sir,

Yours of November 19th is at hand, and I will endeavor to reply to it the best I can. I am so forgetful on account of age that I cannot give you so full an account of the Ford family as you probably would like; but I can put you in the way, by corresponding with other parties and members of the family, that you may get all the information you wish.

First, the father of the Fords that you are inquiring about was Abner. He lived in Jefferson, Me. and was twice married. By his first wife he had two sons and one daughter. The sons always remained in Jefferson. Their names were Nathan and William. The daughter's name was Bethia, I am informed. She married a man by the name of Simson and lived in Alna, Me. They were the parents of the Simsons your grandmother visited in War Times.

I have heard my wife say frequently that her mother died when she was but eight years old, and left two younger than she, Elijah and Hannah. By corresponding with Mrs. Elijah Ford you can get full information of those two families and the Simson family, and probably of the Smith family. I have lived so remotely from them for so long a time I have mostly lost the run of them.

Enoch Ford has a daughter living in Dover, Me. She married a man by the name of Aaron Knowlton. She can give you the history of her father's family. By addressing a letter Caleb J. Ford, you can get full information regarding the Abner Ford family.

You ask how Abner Ford got the title of Captain. When he was a young man, he settled in the town of Brighton, adjoining Mayfield, and was chosen Captain of Town Militia, and ever afterwards retained it. From the fact of his being Boss Workman, he being a first class Millwright and Machinist, I served apprenticeship with him, and followed my trade up to the Rebellion. That put a stop to all such business.

I have run a carriage shop and carried on the Undertaking Business in company with my son-in-law, J. F. Pickering. I am now quite past labor except some light work.

There is a good deal more that I might write, but I am getting too tired and trembly and must close.

Hoping to hear from you again soon, I remain

Yours sincerely,

John Springer

LETTER OF SEWALL FORD, AUTHOR AND MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTOR

A number of years ago Mrs. Bertram G. Smith, a relative, wrote Sewall Ford making inquiry about the Ford ancestry. He referred her letter to his father for a reply but the old gentleman didn't get around to it, so Sewall Ford answered it himself in the following words:

Spofford, N. H., July 15, 1920

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I am sorry your letter has remained so long unanswered, but as I have no head for family history, I sent it on to my father, asking him to reply—but he didn't get around to it. He is now 77 and not much of a letter writer. I was up to see him yesterday however and found that he could go no further back than his grandfather, Abner Ford, who moved from Jefferson to Mayfield, Me. He had eight children, and one of them was my grandfather, Enoch Ford, who also had eight children.

I have been told that Abner Ford was a descendant of the "Widow Ford and her two sons," who are mentioned on the Pilgrim monument at Plymouth as having come in the ship "Fortune," next to arrive after the Mayflower, but I have never seen the genealogy traced out. Possibly someone in Jefferson, Me. could give you the missing data.

Sincerely yours,

Sewall Ford

NB.—This Sewall Ford, born Mar. 7, 1868, at South Levant, Me., is a descendant of Enoch Ford, son of Abner Ford, above mentioned. His winter home is in Clearwater, Florida. He is quite a noted short story writer, and has been a voluminous contributor to the magazines since 1903, writing Shorty and Torchy stories and many others.

Sewall Ford was graduated from Haverhill Mass. High School in 1887, married Lillian M. Sylvester, of Haverhill, Mass. Dec. 11, 1889. He is the son of John F. and Susan (Morrill) Ford, and John F. Ford was Enoch's son.

CHILDREN OF ABNER FORD, SR.

Susan Ann Ford, wife of John Ellis, was Abner Ford's daughter by his second wife, Susan Fowls. There were three children by a former marriage to Abigail Trask. These were Bethia, William and Nathan. The children by the second wife were Susan Ann, Abner, Silence, Asenath, Eliza, Elijah, Enoch and Hannah.

Bethia married Samuel Simpson and had three children: Julia, Caroline and George. Julia married a man by the name of Kelly. Caroline married Axtel Bicknell. He was U. S. Deputy Marshal in Boston during the Civil War. The third child, George, was still a young man at that time.

William and Nathan Ford lived near Stillwater, Maine, and to the best of our knowledge were engaged in the lumbering business out of the port of St. Johns, New Brunswick.

Susan Ann Ford married John Ellis, our ancestor, and went to farming in Mayfield, Somerset Co., Me. Here ten children were born to the union. In 1841, they emigrated in a large covered wagon drawn by two horses to Pennsylvania. The rest of the family history has already been told.

Abner Ford, Jr. was a first-class wheelwright and mechanic. Having been chosen as Captain of Town Militia of Brighton, Me., he ever after was called Captain. He lived near Sebac, Maine.

Silence Ford married Jackson Weeks and settled in Wilmington, Me. My mother was named for this aunt.

Asenath Ford married Johnathan Smith and lived in Brighton, Me. for many years. He was a famous hunter and trapper. He afterwards removed to Sheboygan, Michigan, where his family grew to manhood and womanhood. There were ten children in the Smith family, as follows: Mary Ann, Susan, David, William, Eva, Allen, Wealthy, Silas, Elijah, and Malvina. Susan married a man by the name of Smart, by whom she had two children, Estella and Charles.

Eliza Ford married John Springer and settled in Lincoln, Me. Their children and grandchildren have been enumerated in a previous letter.

Elijah Ford lived in Stillwater and later in Bangor, Me. His eldest daughter married a wool and shoe merchant's son, by the name of Henry Boardman.

Enoch Ford lived in the lumber regions of Maine about five miles

north of Moosehead Lake. He had eight children, as follows: Susanna, who married Barnet Flanders, Benjamin, Lincoln, Isabella, Jane, Olinda, Ruth, and John. The latter was the father of Sewall Ford, a short-story writer of considerable note.

Hannah Ford married Martin McPherson, a Methodist minister. He lived in Brighton Me.

A RECENT VISIT TO MAYFIELD, MAINE

For a good many years I had been wanting to make a visit to the place of my mother's birth in Maine, but had not found the time to do so on account of my school duties, neither had I the means of transportation to this out-of-the-way place.

In September, 1933, however, having retired from the teaching profession, I now felt free to make the trip. Fortunately also, my son Ellis was to have a ten days vacation and could drive Mrs. Miller and myself on this long anticipated journey. We left Pittsburgh on September 7th by rail for Cleveland, where our son met us with his Ford car, and that same evening took a lake steamer for Buffalo. The next day we visited Niagara Falls and then drove to Rochester, where we again took the boat for Brockville, Canada. Here we crossed to the New York side and motored through the Catskills to Port Douglass on Lake Champlain and ferried over to Burlington, Vermont, where we spent the night. Next day we drove through Vermont and New Hampshire via the White Mountains and that night reached Rumford, Maine. By this time the weather had turned cold in northern New England, and we were glad to enjoy the comforts of a steam heated hotel for the night.

The next day, September 11th, we reached our destination, at a forks in the road where only three houses were to be seen. We had hoped to find a small town, or at least a postoffice where some souvenir postals could be purchased to mail to the Ellis cousins. Imagine our disappointment when we found that the village had disappeared. One of the three houses remaining was the Mayfield district school and town house. Here an election was being held to decide the fate of the Eighteenth Amendment to the constitution of the United States, but there was little to indicate that such a momentous question was being submitted to the voters of the state that under the leadership of Lorenzo Dow had been the first state in the union to adopt a prohibition amendment to its constitution.

Having driven so far in search of a place that existed in name only, we were not to be turned back until we had made further inquiries, so we drove on to Kingsbury five miles away, hoping to find a good-sized settlement, but here again we were disappointed. It too, consisted of but three houses. There was a post office in one of them, but the postmaster had locked up and gone to Skowhegan twenty-five miles away. A small stream, probably the outlet of Kingsbury

(formerly Ford) Pond ran through the place. Here a man was at work peeling pulp wood for the mills below. We asked him about the inhabitants of the town but learned little. He directed us to the school house where he thought we might find some citizens. We went there but found only one voter. No one else seemed interested. The poll book was on the teacher's desk but it showed but twelve names, none of them Ellises or Fords.

We now returned to Mayfield since it was on the direct road to Skowhegan, our next town on the return trip. Again we visited the town polling place, a school building by the roadside. It was a dilapidated one story structure with a narrow hall in front. The door was propped shut with a stick of wood which had to be removed before we could gain entrance. Here we found five persons huddled around a wood stove to keep warm. One of them was a woman, the local school marm, as we afterwards learned. The poll book showed but three voters, with not an Ellis name amongst them.

No one in either Kingsbury or Mayfield had ever heard of the John Ellis family, but an older citizen who seemed to be better informed than the others said that Mayfield had once boasted a hundred or more plantations (farms), and that the population of the town (township) consisted of several hundred people.

He showed us the location of the old road, now entirely overgrown and completely obliterated, and said that not a house nor clearing now remained along its entire course. There was no use of making any further inquiries, for it was quite evident that what was once a populous town had become a backwoods settlement inhabited by loggers eking out a miserable existence in a wilderness country.

The only people we met in passing through Mayfield and Kingsbury townships were engaged in cutting down the second growth timber for the pulp mills on the Kennebec River.

The one thing that impressed me more than anything else was the wisdom and foresight of Grandfather John Ellis and his estimable wife in realizing that such a country was no place to rear a family. They certainly did the most sensible thing in their lives when they decided to emigrate to Pennsylvania, and every Ellis descendant owes them an everlasting debt of gratitude for making what must have been a long and arduous journey to a better land where they might find a more abundant life.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE ELLIS DESCENDANTS

BENJAMIN'S FAMILY

Mary Melvin, 707 Washington St., Meadville, Pa. (Deceased)
Michael Gartner, RFD 6, Meadville, Pa.
Benjamin Ellis Gartner, 896 Porter St., Meadville, Pa.
Helen Rose Gartner, 896 Porter St., Meadville, Pa.
Ralph Gigone, RFD 6, Meadville, Pa.
Samuel A. Melvin, Meadville, Pa.
Leroy Myron Melvin, 4043 E. 55th St. Maywood, Calif.
Joseph Knight, 4043 E. 55th St., Maywood Calif.
J. J. Kuhn (Mrs.) 707 Washington St., Meadville, Pa.
Benj. A. Melvin, RFD 1, Meadville, Pa.
Marion J. Sutley, 44 S. Main St., Bradford, Pa.
Carl E. Grubaugh, RFD 1, Meadville, Pa.
Thomas V. Melvin, 412 W. 16th St. Cheyenne, Wyo.
John W. Skeel, North Girard, Pa.
Roy Thompson, 44 E. 10th St., Erie, Pa.
Herbert March, 1962 Haverhill Rd., Cleveland, Ohio
Herbert A. Melvin, Conneaut Lake, Pa.
Joseph Ellis, Mrs., 1186 Avondale Rd., South Euclid, Ohio
H. E. Klinkle, 344 N. Willy St., Cresline, Ohio
Charles P. Arter, Cresline, Ohio
Eva R. Klinkle, Cresline, Ohio
Bernice M. Klinkle, Cresline, Ohio

KEZIA'S FAMILY

Alice McChesney, 616 Warrington Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
Clinton L. McChesney, 616 Warrington Ave., Pisstburg, Pa.
Charles W. McChesney, 212 Jucunda St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Jennie E. Wright, 309 Albemarle Ave., Richmond, Va., (Deceased)
Robert E. Saul, Mrs. 309 Albemarle Ave., Richmond, Va.
John C. Williams, Mrs., 211 N. Plum St., Richmond, Va.
Bertram G. Smith, Mrs., 79 Miller Ave., Tarrytown, N. Y.

SILENCE'S FAMILY

Myron M. Miller, Hartstown, Pa.
Samuel Marcus Miller, Linesville, Pa.
James Milo Miller, 14 First St., Irwin, Pa.

Milo H. Miller, 420 Jucunda St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

J. R. Willison, Mrs. 511 Richland Lane, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ellis M. Miller, 314 S. 57th St. Omaha, Nebraska

ABNER'S FAMILY

John W. Crawford, Fredonia, Pa.

Charles S. Gosnell, RFD 37, Fredonia, Pa.

Oscar B. Crawford, 39 12th St. Erie, Pa.

Thomas R. Crawford, RFD 37, Fredonia, Pa.

Laverne D. Calvin, Hartstown, Pa.

Darrell D. Calvin, Box 47, Windham, Ohio

Birt G. Rawson, Conneaut Lake, Pa.

Roscoe C. McCurdy, Adamsville, Pa.

Chauncey McCurdy, Adamsville, Pa.

Harvey M. Henry & Eliz, Adamsville, Pa.

Albert Herriott, 57 East St., North East, Pa.

Claude Gehr, Conneaut Lake, Pa.

Fred Dewey, Cooperstown, Pa.

Leroy Warren, Phalanx Station, Ohio

Bert Hudson, Dorset, Ohio

George D. Leiby, 158 Meadowbrook Ave., Warren, Ohio

Elmer E. Herriott, 33 Curtis Place, Fredonia, N. Y.

Clarence W. Elliott, RFD 3, Warren, Ohio

Descartes Ellis, Hartstown, Pa.

Clarence A. Ellis, Hartstown, Pa.

Paul Hughes, 731 E. Dewey Ave., Youngstown, Ohio

Lloyd A. Davis, 22 Union St., Greenville, Pa.

Arthur V. McQuiston, Jamestown, Pa.

Barton H. Ellis, 448 Fourth Ave., Parnassus, Pa.

James McConnell, Butler, Pa.

Mrs. Charles Ellis, 202 Ridge Ave., New Kensington, Pa.

Paul A. Ellis, 2500 Gibbs Ave., N. E., Canton, Ohio

J. E. Moore, Chicora, Pa.

A. I. Zimmerman, Apollo, Pa.

Oscar C. Moore, Chicora, Pa.

Harold R. McGarvey, Chicora, Pa.

Evan A. Knight, Chicora, Pa.

Mrs. James B. Blair, Hartstown, Pa.

ALFREDA'S FAMILY

Samuel C. Billingsley, 411 S. 13th St., Marysville, Kan.
Nellie V. Billingsley, Marysville, Kan.
Orin A. Ivers, Marysville, Kan.
Andrew B. Billingsley, Marysville, Kan.
Leslie K. Billingsley, Marysville, Kan.
Wm. F. Griffie, Marysville, Kan.
Samuel E. Billingsley, 716 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, Colo.
Charles A. Billingsley, RFD 2 Box 81, Carthage, Mo.
William F. Billingsley, Wagoner, Okla.
Joseph H. Elliott, Stafford, Kan.
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George F. Plamondon, Woodland, Wash.
Russell E. Carothers, Kelso, Wash.
Ralph D. Hawkins, 1900 S. Stewart St., Sedalia, Mo.
Harvey M. Johnson, Vienna, Va.
Clarence G. Carothers, Grand Junction, Colo.
Jesse Grant Carothers, Haywood, Calif.
Minnie G. Carothers, Nodaway, Iowa
Charles Elmer Carothers, RFD 2, Box 80, Vancouver, Wash.
Mrs. Arthur W. Thomas, 9315 N. Vanhouten Ave., Portland, Ore.
Mrs. Richard Jacobs, RFD 2 Box 80, Vancouver, Wash.
B. L. Carothers, 806 N. First Ave., Kelso, Wash.
J. E. Carothers, 4202 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.
Bird Lincoln Carothers, Woodburn, Oregon
Raleigh Florentine Carothers, Woodburn, Oregon
Verner Charles Carothers, Woodburn, Oregon
Milo Dow Carothers, Corning, Iowa
F. P. Carothers, Nodaway, Iowa
George Dornon, RFD 1 Box 43, Rush, Colo.
Mrs. George Johnson, 6421 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Robert Nelson, 31 Rowena St., Detroit, Mich.
Cora E. Carothers, 6151 Winthrop Ave., Chicago, Ill., (Apt. 207)
J. H. Phillips, 3528 W. 40th St., Denver, Colo.

Mrs. John H. Killian, 6151 Winthrop Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Apt. 207)

Mrs. Thomas E. Carothers, 6151 Winthrop Ave., Chi., Ill. Apt. 207)

ENOCH'S FAMILY

Mrs. John L. Ellis, 1370 Quinby Ave., Wooster, Ohio

Mrs. Walter Scott Blake, 1370 Quinby Ave., Wooster, Ohio

Mrs. D. A. McElhaney, 558 North Park Ave., Meadville, Pa.

Harry E. Zimmerman, 140 Prospect Ave., Hamburg, N. Y.

Weaver F. Fessler, 117 Hancock St., Sandusky, Ohio

Ellis F. Zimmerman, Conneaut Lake, Pa.

Mrs. Edwin S. Ellis, 504 Loretta Ave., Toronto, Ohio

Mrs. Alva L. Medill, Wesleyville, Pa.

Mrs. Robert Mills, Toronto, Ohio

Clark P. Ellis, Linesville, Pa.

John A. Marshall, Mrs. 767 Water St., Meadville, Pa.

Herman S. Marshall, 115 Early St., Wellsville, N. Y.

Donald J. Marshall, 706 Irving St., Olean, N. Y.

Thomas E. Ellis, Mrs. 424 N. Front St., Wheeling, W. Va.

Newton E. Ellis, Warren, Pa.

NATHAN'S FAMILY

Mrs. J. B. Robinson, 625 S. Center St., Grove City, Pa.

Ellis F. Robinson, 324 College Ave., Beaver, Pa.

James B. Robinson, 27 Park St., Willoughby, Ohio

Clarence Free Ellis, Jamestown, Pa.

CYRUS'S FAMILY

George B. Thompson, Opolis, Kan.

Frank A. Cogle, 610 W. 8th St., Pittsburg, Kan.

Fred E. Thompson, Opolis, Kan.

Nathan S. Ellis, Opolis, Kan.

John W. Ellis, 504 E. Park St., Pittsburg, Kan.

Clarence E. Mason, Box 434, Dewey, Okla.

Orpha L. Cox, 6214 Washington Ave., Houston, Tex.

Elza E. Hobson, RFD 4, Pittsburg, Kan.

Mrs. John Wm. Ellis, 902 E. Adams St., Pittsburg, Kan.

Adolph J. Olson, 1501 5th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

Jacob F. Watt, Arcadia, Kan.

Ray Alton Watt, Arcadia, Kan.

Emma B. Byler, Girard, Kan.

Cloyd L. Hawley, 614 S. 18th St., Omaha, Neb.
Richard L. Watt, Box 66, Arcadia, Kan.
Michael Gutman, Box 31, Arcadia, Kan.
Louis Ballock, Frontenac, Kan.
Samuel A. Variat, Jr., Arcadia, Kan.
Fred E. Ellis, Hutchinson, Kan.
Lee & Claud Ellis, Pittsburg, Kan.
George F. Ross, Pittsburg, Kan.
Fred Valentine Ellis, 402 N. Water St., Pittsburg, Kan.
Ezra Seybold, RFD 5, Pittsburg, Kan.
Cyrus F. Ellis, 1103 S. Elm St., Pittsburg, Kan.
Theodore F. Watt, Wichita, Kan.
Paul Ellis Watt, Arcadia, Kan.

DOW'S FAMILY

Mrs. Frank J. Ellis, Greenville, Pa.
Robt. W. Gillespie, Greenville, Pa.
Harold B. Ellis, 373 Quest End Ave., Mt. Lebanon, Pa.
Park Ellis, Hartstown, Pa.
Essie Pearl Semple, 802 N. Main St., Jamestown, N. Y.
Frank Thayer, Meadville, Pa.
John R. Mills, 17 Third Ave., Clarion, Pa.
Mrs. John McCurdy, Hartstown, Pa.
Herbert Ellis, 2127 Bermuda St., Long Beach, Calif.
Edward P. Ellis, 2127 Bermuda St., Long Beach, Calif.
H. LeGrand Ellis, 614 S. Locust St., Visalia, Calif.
Wm. Arthur Ellis, Hartstown, Pa.
Harry N. Ellis, Hartstown, Pa.
Wm. N. Adams & Raymond, 741 Kennedy St., Meadville, Pa.

PS.—I have no doubt there a number of errors in the above list owing to recent removals, but every effort has been made to secure the latest addresses.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNIONS

THE FIRST ELLIS FAMILY REUNION—1923

The First Reunion of the Ellis Family was held June 20, 1923, at the home of Mr. Park Ellis, near Hartstown, Pa., on one corner of the John Ellis Farm.

The meeting was held in response to the desire of some of the older members of the family for an annual gathering of the descendants of John and Susan Ann Ellis. The prime movers were Mrs. Eva Zimmerman, Mrs. Mary Melvin, and Mr. Myron Miller. The response was very gratifying to those who had issued the call, since something over one hundred persons, including women and children, answered the summons.

The meeting was called to order at 2 P. M. by John L. Ellis, of Wheeling, W. Va., as presiding officer for the occasion. After a few preliminary remarks by the chairman, an election of officers for the ensuing year was held and resulted as follows:

President, Mr. Park Ellis, Hartstown, Pa.

Secretary, Mrs. Sam Melvin, Meadville, Pa.

Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Zimmerman, Hartstown, Pa.

One of the honored guests at this first meeting was Mrs. Nathan F. Ellis, Jamestown, Pa. Mrs. Ellis was the last living representative of the second generation of Ellisses in Pennsylvania, being the widow of one of the younger Ellis brothers. She was called upon for remarks and spoke very feelingly of John and Susan Ann Ellis and their children who had passed on before. Other interesting speakers were Mrs. Mary Melvin, Mrs. Alice McChesney, Mrs. Fred Zimmerman, Mrs. Susie McCurdy, and Mr. Burt Ellis, of Long Beach, Cal., as well as Frank, John, Clark, and Free Ellis—all of whom are members of the third generation.

The third generation was also represented by Myron M. Miller, Hartstown; Vestine Davis, Greenville; Alta E. Moore, Chicora; Flora Blair, Hartstown; Charles Ellis, Parnassus; Thomas Ellis, West Newton; Newton Ellis, Toronto, Ohio; J. Frank Ellis, Greenville; Park Ellis, Hartstown; Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Grove City; and Clarence Free Ellis, Jamestown, Pa.

In conclusion, Rev. Hazlett, of the Hartstown, U. P. Church, spoke of the large attendance, the perfect day, and beautiful surroundings. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Park Ellis for the use of their house and spacious grounds for the gathering. A voluntary collection was taken, which amounted to \$19.47. The expenses were \$11.10, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$8.37, which was turned over to the treasurer. Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Samuel Melvin, Secretary

THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNION OF 1924

The second annual reunion of the Ellis Family was held at the home of Mr. Park Ellis, near Hartstown, Pa., on Saturday, August 16, 1924, with about 120 relatives and friends attending.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Park Ellis. The secretary, Mrs. Samuel Melvin, read the minutes of the first meeting. The treasurer, Mrs. Fred Zimmerman, reported funds received and disbursed during the year, and reported a balance of \$17.27 in the treasury.

An election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President, Mr. Lloyd Davis, Greenville

Secretary, Mrs. Ellis Zimmerman, Conneaut Lake

Treasurer, Mr. Descartes Ellis, Hartstown

A brief history of the Ellis family was received from Mr. Milo H. Miller, and read by the secretary. Remarks were made by various members of the Ellis family. A vote of thanks was extended to the committee in charge of the arrangements for the meeting, and the sum of \$10.00 was voted to Mrs. Park Ellis for the use of her home for the reunion.

About 120 relatives and friends of the family attended the reunion, including Mrs. N. F. Ellis, Jamestown, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Melvin, Meadville, from Ben's family; Mrs. Alice McChesney, Pittsburg, from Kezia's family; Mr. and Mrs. Myron M. Miller and sons, Marcus and James; Mrs. Jane Evans Wright, New York City, and daughter Grace and husband, Bertram G. Smith; John L. Ellis, Wheeling, W. Va. from Enoch's family; also E. S. Ellis, Toronto, Ohio, Thomas E. Ellis, West Newton, and Mrs. John A. Marshall, Meadville; Silence's family was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Myron M. Miller and his two sons Marcus and James.

Abner's family was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Barton H. Ellis and daughter, from Parnassus, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore and family, Chicora, Mrs. W. B. McCurdy and Elizabeth Henry, Adamsville; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Davis and family, Greenville; and Mr. and Mrs. James B. Blair and daughter, Hartstown.

Nathan's family was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Free Ellis and family, Jamestown, Pa.

Dow's family was represented by various members of the family, including Park and wife, at whose home the reunion was held, as well as Arthur, Harry, Frank, and Mrs. John McCurdy.

The place and date of the next reunion was left to be determined by the incoming officers. Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Samuel Melvin, Secretary

THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNION OF 1925

The third annual reunion of the Ellis family was held at the home of Descartes Ellis south of Hartstown, August 15, 1925, with an attendance of one hundred descendants of John and Susan Ann Ellis. A bountiful dinner was served at one o'clock by the committee in charge and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After dinner a short business meeting was held with the president Lloyd A. Davis, of Greenville, presiding. The minutes of the second meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Ellis F. Zimmerman, of Conneaut Lake. The treasurer, Descartes Ellis, gave a report of the funds received and disbursed during the year.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President, Clarence Free Ellis, Jamestown
Vice-Pres., Myron M. Miller, Hartstown
Secretary, Mrs. Flora Blair, Hartstown
Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Ellis, Hartstown

It was decided to hold the next reunion on the last Saturday in August, 1926, at the home of Mrs. Maude McCurdy in Hartstown.

A number of relatives were called upon for remarks and responded with short talks. An original poem was read by Mrs. Fred Zimmerman.

Since the first reunion was held on June 20, 1923, four of our numbers have answered the final roll call. They are as follows:

Mr. J. B. Robinson, Grove City, Pa.
Mr. John McCurdy, Hartstown, Pa.
Mrs. Descartes Ellis, Hartstown, Pa.
Mrs. Nathan F. Ellis, Jamestown, Pa.

The latter was the last one of the earlier generation. She had attended the first two reunions and responded when called upon for remarks. At the request of the president, all stood with bowed heads in memory of our departed members.

A vote of thanks was extended to the committee in charge of the arrangements for the reunion, and to Mr. Ellis for the use of his home. The treasurer reported amounts collected and on hand amounting to \$27.89, bills paid amounting to \$21.50, and balance in the treasury of \$6.39.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in visiting, games, and music, and all departed to their homes feeling that it was a day long to be remembered.

Mrs. Ellis F. Zimmerman, Secretary

THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNION OF 1926

The fourth annual reunion of the Ellis family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Park Ellis, south of Hartstown, August 27, 1926, with an attendance of ninety descendants of John and Susan Ann Ellis present.

After a bounteous repast on the spacious lawn, the president, Clarence Free Ellis, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last reunion were read by the secretary, Myron M. Miller. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President Clarence Free Ellis, Jamestown
Secretary, Lenora McQuiston, Jamestown
Treasurer, Lenora McQuiston, Jamestown

Mr. and Mrs. Clark P. Ellis, of Linesville, extended a most cordial invitation to hold the fifth reunion at their home August 20, 1927. A history of the Ellis family was read by Milo H. Miller, and a very amusing address about John and Susan Ann by Cousin Clark Ellis.

During the past year four members of the Ellis family have gone to their final reward. They are as follows:

J. Frank Ellis, Greenville, the eldest in Dow's Family.
Edwin S. Ellis, Toronto, O., the third in Enoch's family.

Thomas E. Ellis, West Newton, the eighth in Enoch's family.

David McElhaney, Hartstown, Clara Zimmerman's husband.

At the request of the president, the relatives arose and stood with bowed heads in memory of the departed.

A collection amounting to \$15.40 was taken, the bills paid, and a balance of \$7.20 remained in the treasury.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Park Ellis for the use of their home and grounds. Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. James B. Blair, Secretary

THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNION OF 1927

The fifth annual reunion of the Ellis family held at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Ellis, three miles east of Linesville on the Shermansville road, Saturday, August 20, 1927, with an attendance of 95.

Instead of the good old fashioned basket picnic dinner, the committee in charge of the arrangements for the reunion delegated to the ladies of the Baptist church in Linesville the preparation of refreshments, and they served a delicious roast beef dinner on the beautiful lawn, under the spreading maples, with table decorations to match the fall season.

After dinner speeches were in order. A short business meeting was held, called to order by the President, Clarence Free Ellis. The minutes of the last reunion were read and accepted, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, Mr. Newton Ellis, Toronto, Ohio

Vice-Pres. Mr. Marcus Miller, Greenville, Pa.

Secretary, Dr. Clinton McChesney, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Treasurer, Mr. Myron Miller, Hartstown, Pa.

On motion it was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey McCurdy, Adamsville, Pa., as the place for holding the next family reunion on the fourth Saturday of August, 1928.

The money in the treasury, \$7.20, was sufficient to pay for the invitations and postage, leaving a balance of \$2.75. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis for their kind and generous hospitality in their effort to make this meeting one long to be remembered. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in a social way, and all departed at a late hour for their homes.

Of the third generation from John and Susan Ellis, the following persons were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Ellis	Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zimmerman
Mr. and Mrs. Newton Ellis	Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Myron Miller	Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marshall
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Ellis	Mr. Descartes Ellis
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis	Mrs. Alice S. McChesney
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blair	Mrs. Mary Melvin
Mr. and Mrs. Barton Ellis	Mrs. W. B. McCurdy
Mr. and Mrs. C. Free Ellis	

In addition to the above a large number of relatives of later generations were in attendance.

Mrs. Lenora McQuiston, Secretary

THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNION OF 1928

The sixth annual reunion of the Ellis family was held August 25, 1928 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey McCurdy one mile south of Adamsville on the Perry Highway.

A chicken dinner was served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Adamsville U. P. Church at one P.M. Eastern Standard time, and a total of 97 persons sat down to eat.

After dinner the guests returned to the McCurdy farm, where a short business meeting was held on the spacious lawn. The President, Newton E. Ellis, called the meeting to order and announced the order of business. In the absence of the secretary, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Milo H. Miller, secretary pro tem. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then held and resulted as follows:

President, Mr. Chauncey McCurdy, Adamsville
Vice-Pres. Mr. Myron M. Miller, Hartstown
Secretary, Mrs. Minnie Robinson, Grove City
Treasurer, Mr. Clarence Ellis, Hartstown

The retiring treasurer announced total expenditures of \$18.50 for stationery and printing. A collection was taken amounting to \$17.25, which with the \$2.75 in the treasury from last year, made a total of \$20.00, leaving a balance in the treasury, after the bills were paid, of \$1.50. This was turned over to the treasurer elect.

On motion duly seconded it was decided to hold the next annual gathering on the last Saturday of August at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellis, near Hartstown.

A vote of thanks was extended to the ladies of the Adamsville U. P. Church for providing the bounteous repast.

Myron M. Miller was called upon for some family history, and read the names, birth, death and age of the ten children of John and Susan Ann Ellis, as follows:

1. Benjamin Ford Ellis, Oct. 4, 1825, Jan. 2, 1914, Age 88 yrs.
2. Kezia H. Ellis, Aug. 7, 1827, July 12, 1894, Age 67 yrs.
3. Silence Ford Ellis, Nov. 16, 1828, Dec. 4, 1899, Age 71 yrs.
4. Abner Ford Ellis, Mar. 30, 1830, Sept. 16, 1907, Age 78 yrs.
5. Alfreda H. Ellis, Sept. 22, 1831, Feb. 7, 1905, Age 74 yrs.
6. Philander Coburn, Jan. 28, 1833, July 2, 1863, Age 30 yrs.
7. Enoch Ford Ellis, Mar 2, 1834, Feb. 14, 1890, Age 55 yrs.
8. Nathan Ford Ellis, April 5, 1835, April 23, 1903, Age 68 yrs.
9. Cyrus Stilton Ellis, Apr. 26, 1836, Sept. 11, 1915, Age 79 yrs.
10. Lorenzo Dow Ellis, Nov. 28, 1838, Mar. 23, 1922, Age 83 yrs.

The oldest member of the family, Benjamin Ford, died at the home of his daughter, Mary Melvin, in Meadville. He was also the oldest in point of years. The youngest member of the family, Lorenzo Dow, was second in point of years. He died at his home near Hartstown at the age of 83. Philander Coburn died at the early age of 30 in the battle of Gettysburg. He was buried on the field of glory, and the battle monument of the First Minnesota Regiment marks the site of his grave.

Mrs. Susan Annie Hawkins, of Wheatland, Oregon, was the only representative present of the Alfreda Ellis Carothers branch of the family. She was called upon for remarks, and reported that every one of the ten children in her mother's family was alive and well, and that they had numerous children and grandchildren. She promised her assistance in completing the family genealogy, and felt that she could render valuable aid in completing the Cyrus Ellis branch of the family.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in social fellowship and all departed at a late hour for their several homes feeling that it had been a day well spent.

Milo H. Miller, Secretary Pro tem
Clinton L. McChesney, Secretary

THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNION OF 1929

The seventh annual reunion of the Ellis family was held August 31, 1929, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellis, one mile south of Hartstown, on the old Dr. White place. Dinner was served to the assembled guests in the United Presbyterian Church in Hartstown at one o'clock, after which they returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis for the business and social gathering.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Myron M. Miller. The minutes of the sixth reunion were read and approved. The election of officers for the ensuing year was held and resulted as follows:

President, Mr. Myron M. Miller, Hartstown, Pa.

Vice-Pres. Mr. Arthur Ellis, Hartstown, Pa.

Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Grove City, Pa.

Treasurer, Mr. Newton Ellis, Toronto, Ohio.

The invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellis to hold the next annual reunion on their lawn was accepted, and it was decided to make it a basket picnic instead of a church dinner. A committee of three was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis for the use of their lawn as a place of meeting, and to all others who had helped to make the reunion a success.

Mr. Milo H. Miller presented a brief summary of the Ellis family history, including the military services of the four brothers who fought in the Civil War with special mention of the bravery of Cobe's regiment at the battle of Gettysburg.

The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$4.31 in the treasury. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in social intercourse, after which the relatives returned to their homes, thankful for the opportunity to renew old friendships again.

Of the third generation from John and Susan Ann Ellis, the following persons were present: Joseph and Mary from Ben's family; Alice McChesney from Kezia's family; Myron and Milo from Silence's family; Barton, Alta and Flora from Abner's family; John, Newton and Eva from Enoch's family; and Minnie and Free from Nathan's family.

Mrs. Minnie Robinson, Secretary

THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNION OF 1930

The eighth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Susan Ann Ellis was held at Hart's Grove, about one mile east of Hartstown on the Lake Road, Saturday, August 30, 1930. About sixty persons of all ages assembled in family groups under the spreading branches of several large beech trees, where tables were provided for an abundant repast.

After dinner a business meeting was held, which resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Roscoe McCurdy

Secretary, Minnie Robinson

Treasurer, Descartes Ellis

Of the third generation from John and Susan Ann Ellis the following persons were present: Mary and Joseph, of Benjamin's family; Myron and Milo, of Silence's family; Susie, Descartes, Barton, Alta and Flora, of Abner's family; Newton, of Enoch's family; Minnie and Free, of Nathan's family; and Park, Maude and Arthur, of Dow's family.

John Ellis, of Wheeling, W. Va., was unable to be present but sent a letter of regret and a box of peanuts and candy for the relatives.

During the past year the following persons have passed away: Eva Ellis Zimmerman and Vestine Ellis Davis.

Eva was the second child in Enoch's family, being born June 29, 1862 and died March 23, 1930, at the age of 67 years. She is survived by her husband, Fred Zimmerman, and four children: Mrs. Clara McElhaney, of Hartstown; Mrs. Mary Fessler, of Cleveland, Ohio; Harry Zimmerman, of Hamburg, N. Y.; and Ellis Zimmerman of Conneaut Lake, Pa. There are six grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. John A. Marshall, of Meadville, Pa. and three brothers, John Ellis, of Wheeling, W. Va., Clark Ellis, of Linesville, Pa., and Newton Ellis, of Toronto, Ohio.

Mrs. Zimmerman was a woman of more than ordinary attainments. After finishing her public school course in Hartstown, she became interested in music and developed a fine soprano voice, which was often heard in the village choir and in the musical conventions held in those days that were such an attraction to the young people of the community. Mrs. Zimmerman also had talent for amateur theatricals and always took a leading part in the plays that were giv-

en by local talent. She was a consistent member of the Hartstown U. P. Church and sang in the choir. She lived in a community furnishing limited educational advantages but improved every opportunity for self-culture and died leaving a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

Vestine, the fourth child in Abner's family, was born Aug. 12, 1862, and died at the home of her son, Lloyd, in Greenville, Pa. January 15, 1930 after a lingering illness. Besides her husband, Leslie Davis, she is survived by two children, Lenora and Lloyd, and five grandchildren. She is also survived by four brothers and three sisters, as follows: Descartes, of Hartstown, Pa.; Barton and Charles, of New Kensington, Pa.; Fred, of Conneaut Lake, Pa.; Susie McCurdy, of Adamsville, Pa.; Alta Moore, of Chicora, Pa.; and Flora Blair, of Hartstown.

THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNION OF 1931

The ninth annual reunion of the Ellis family was held at Locust Grove, near Mercer, Pa., August 29, 1931, with close to one hundred descendants of John and Susan Ann Ellis present. A bounteous repast was served on tables in the shadow of the trees, and all participated in the social hour that followed.

At the business meeting presided over by Roscoe McCurdy, it was decided to hold the next annual reunion at the home of Park Ellis on the old homestead, and the last Saturday of August was the date set. The old officers were re-elected.

Of the third generation from John and Susan Ann Ellis the following persons were present: Mary Melvin, of Meadville, Pa., from Benjamin's family; Alice McChesney, Pittsburgh, Pa., from Kezia's family; Barton Ellis, New Kensington, Pa., and Mrs. J. E. Moore, Chicora, Pa. from Abner's family; Myron M. Miller, Hartstown, Pa. and Milo H. Miller, Pittsburgh, Pa., from Silence's family; Newton E. Ellis, Greenville, Pa., from Enoch's family; Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Grove City, Pa., from Nathan's family; and Herbert L. Ellis, Long Beach, Calif., Arthur, Harry and Park Ellis of Hartstown, Pa., from Dow's family—a total of twelve persons.

During the past year the following persons have passed away: Susan Ann Ellis McCurdy, Adamsville, Pa., the eldest child of Abner Ellis, died February 23, 1931, of heart lesion. She was born January 9, 1857, and was, therefore, 74 years old. She is survived by three

children, nineteen grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren, also by three brothers, Descartes, Barton and Fred, and two sisters, Alta (Mrs. J. E. Moore, Chicora, Pa.) and Flora (Mrs. James B. Blair, Hartstown, Pa.)

Charles Ellis, New Kensington, Pa., the sixth child of Abner Ellis, died October 4, 1930, after a lingering illness. He was born June 4, 1866, and was, therefore, 64 years old. He is survived by his widow and two sons, James and Paul, also one grandchild. He is also survived by brothers and sisters as above.

Leslie Davis, Vestine's husband, died suddenly Nov. 11, 1930, in Warren, Ohio, where he had gone on a visit among friends. He was born March 28, 1856, and was, therefore, 74 years of age. He is survived by a son, Lloyd, Greenville, Pa., and by a daughter, Lenora, (Mrs. Arthur V. McQuiston), Jamestown, Pa., from whose home he was buried. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNION OF 1932

The tenth annual reunion of the Ellis family was held at the home of Park Ellis, about a half-mile south of Hartstown, on a part of the old homestead. About one hundred descendants of John and Susan Ann Ellis assembled on the lawn under the shade of the trees to partake of the good things provided for the occasion. This was followed by a social hour and a business meeting, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Milo H. Miller

Secretary, Chas. W. McChesney

Treasurer, Descartes Ellis

Of the third generation from John and Susan Ann Ellis, the following persons were present: Mary Melvin, Meadville, Pa., from Benjamin's family; Alice McChesney, Pittsburgh, Pa., from Kezia's family; Descartes Ellis, Hartstown, Pa., Barton Ellis, Pernassus, Pa., Mrs. J. E. Moore (Alta), and Mrs. J. B. Blair (Flora), from Abner's family; Myron M. Miller, Hartstown, Pa., and Milo H. Miller, Pittsburgh, Pa., from Silence's family; Enoch's family was represented by Clark P. Ellis, Linesville, Pa., and Newton Ellis, Greenville, Pa., Nathan's family was represented by Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Grove City, Pa., and Clarence Free Ellis, Jamestown, Pa. Dow's family was represented by Herbert L. Ellis, Long Beach, Calif., Maude McCurdy,

Hartstown, Pa., and Park Ellis, Hartstown, Pa., at whose home the reunion was held.

Two prominent members of the Ellis family passed away during the past year:

John L. Ellis, of Wheeling, W. Va. died March 4, 1932, after a lingering illness, of heart lesion. He was seventy-two years old, and had been a resident of Wheeling for upwards of fifty years. Mr. Ellis was president of the Ellis and Helfer Company, manufacturing and jobbing confectioners, and lived at 1910 Warwood Avenue. He was prominent in Masonic circles being past master of Ohio Lodge, No. 1, and a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Osiris Shrine. He was a member of the Citizens Mutual Trust Company board of directors and of the Buckeye Aluminum Company, Wooster, Ohio. He is survived by his widow and a daughter, Mrs. Laverne Blake Scott, of Wooster, and seven grandchildren.

John Ellis Carothers, second child of Charles and Alfreda Ellis Carothers, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Phillips, 3528 W. 40th Ave., Denver, Colo., February 10, 1932 at the age of 73 year. Mr. Carothers was twice married and was the father of ten children, five to each wife. He is survived by one son and six daughters, also by fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. There were ten children in Alfreda's family, of which seven are still living—five brothers and two sisters. The Carothers family have been holding a family reunion from year to year at the old homestead near Nodaway, Iowa. At the reunion in 1930, at which nine brothers and sisters were present, a photograph was taken of the entire family.

THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNION OF 1934

The twelfth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Susan Ann Ellis was held at the home of Park Ellis near Hartstown on Saturday, August 25, 1934, with about seventy-five members of the various families present to join in the festivities and partake of the bounteous repast that was served on the lawn in front of the house. This was followed by a social and business meeting at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, James M. Miller, Irwin, Pa.

Secretary, Minnie M. Ellis, Jamestown, Pa.

Treasurer, Charles W. McChesney, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The arrangements for the next annual reunion were left in the hands of the newly elected officers and the committee on tables, which was reappointed for another year. A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Park Ellis for the use of their house and lawn as a place of meeting, and to the table committee.

Milo H. Miller gave a brief account of his recent visit to Mayfield, Maine, the ancestral home of the Ellises. He told of the deserted appearance of the town which had once been a populous community and of his disappointment in finding it now a wilderness with but three houses and a dilapidated frame school house. What once had been a town (township) of one hundred plantations (farms) was now a forested region, where the only occupation is the cutting of pulpwood for the paper mills on the Kennebec river. Not a vestige of the old log house remained and the country had grown up with second growth timber.

During the past year at least two prominent members of the Ellis family have passed away:

Joseph E. Ellis, a son of Benjamin F. Ellis, died November 27, 1933, at his home in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born in Hartstown, Pa., September 16, 1855, and was therefore 78 years of age. He is survived by his widow, Harriet (Greenlee) Ellis, and three children, Harry, Rose and Grace. The latter is the wife of H. E. Kinkle, of Cresline, Ohio. She has one daughter and three grand children.

Alta Asenath Ellis, daughter of Abner Ellis and wife of James Emerson Moore, died January 27, 1934, in Chicora, Pa. She was born April 29, 1866, and was therefore 66 years of age. She is survived by her husband and a large family of children and grandchildren, also by three brothers (Descartes, Barton and Fred) and one sister, Mrs. James B. Blair, of Hartstown, Pa.

Of the third generation from John and Susan Ann Ellis the following persons were present:

Mary Melvin, Meadville, Pa., from Benjamin's family.

Alice McChesney, Pittsburgh, Pa., from Kezia's family.

Myron M. Miller, Hartstown, Pa., from Silence's family.

Milo H. Miller, Pittsburgh, Pa., from Silence's family.

Barton Ellis, New Kensington, Pa., from Abner's family.

Flora (Ellis) Blair, Hartstown, Pa., from Abner's family.

Mrs. John A. Marshall (Nellie Ellis) from Enoch's family.

Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Grove City, Pa., from Nathan's family.

Clarence Free Ellis, Jamestown, Pa., from Nathan's family.

Park Ellis, Hartstown, Pa., from Dow's family.

A feeling of genuine friendliness and cordiality pervaded the meeting and the many friends departed for their homes late in the afternoon, fully resolved to return another year if their lives were spared.

Very sincerely,

Milo H. Miller

THE ELLIS FAMILY REUNION OF 1935

The descendants of John and Susan Ford Ellis met on August 31, 1935, at the home of Mrs. Maud McCurdy in Hartstown, Pa., for their thirteenth annual reunion.

There were seventy-five persons present to partake of the basket picnic dinner, after which a short business meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Dr. Clinton L. McChesney.

Minutes of the 1934 reunion were approved as read.

The treasurer reported expenses of \$11.25 and a collection of \$11.06 which with the balance of \$2.10 from the previous year, left \$1.91 to be turned over to the new treasurer.

Representatives of the various branches of the family were called upon for news of their respective families. Newton Ellis reported two births, a boy and a girl in the Enoch Ellis branch.

A letter was read by Free Ellis from Milo Miller in which he advised that the Ellis History would be sent to press soon and that each copy would sell for \$2.00. He urged all those desiring copies to notify Mr. Myron Miller at once.

The following nominations for officers for the ensuing year were presented and on ballot cast by the secretary, were duly elected:

Clarence Ellis, President

Kenneth Ellis, Vice-President

Dorothy Ellis, Secretary

Park Ellis, Treasurer.

A discussion followed in regard to where the 1936 reunion should be held. Mrs. Ben Melvin offered the use of her home and on motion of Free Ellis, seconded by Descartes Ellis and unanimously carried, her invitation was accepted. It was suggested that the hostess

choose her own committee. Mrs. Melvin asked the following persons to act as table committee:

Mrs. Clark Ellis, Mrs. Nellie Marshall, Dr. Clinton L. McChesney, Elmer Ellis, Mrs. Clarence Ellis.

It was moved by Myron Miller, seconded and unanimously carried, that we extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. McCurdy for the use of her home for this reunion.

On motion of Newton Ellis, seconded by Descartes Ellis, the Secretary was instructed to send greeting from the Ellis family to the following persons: Mary Melvin, Jenny Wright and Alice McChesney.

After short talks by Dr. Taylor of Espyville and James Mitchell of Atlantic, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Taylor.

Ethelyn Ellis, Secretary

**OBITUARY
NOTICES**

DEATH OF JOHN ELLIS

Died at Greenville, Me., Oct. 13, 1862, Bro. John Ellis aged 64 years. He experienced religion over forty years ago, and united with the F. W. Baptist church in Mayfield, Me., at its organization. He remained a worthy member of the Maine church until he removed to Pennsylvania about 1841, when, after some years, he with most of his family united in the organization of the F. W. Baptist church at Adamsville, Pa.

The first of October last, he with his wife, started to visit the place of his nativity in Maine. Only a few days of friendly greeting had passed before he was prostrated by sickness, which soon laid him in the grave. He was buried at Greenville, Maine. He was a warm supporter of the benevolent enterprises of the church and an uncompromising friend of the slave. As a husband and father he was kind and affectionate, yet with dignity ruled his own household well. In his church relations he was active and prompt, and commanded the confidence and esteem of all. His house has always been a home for weary pilgrims. His sudden death leaves his family in great affliction. The funeral services were in connection with the June term of the Crawford Q. M. at Adamsville, Pa. Discourse for the occasion, Sabbath morning by J. B. Page.

DEATH OF SUSAN ANN ELLIS

Susan Ann Ellis died May 16, 1869, aged 72 years. The subject of this notice experienced religion in 1836, was baptised by Rev. Stephen Russell and joined the First F. W. Baptist church in Mayfield, Maine. In 1841, she, with her family, removed to Pennsylvania, and at the organization of the F. W. Baptist church at Adamsville, joined that congregation and remained a worthy member until her death. Her funeral was attended by many warm friends. Sermon for the occasion was preached by E. S. Bumpus and founded on Rev. 14: 13.

E. S. Bumpus

DEATH OF BENJAMIN F. ELLIS

Benjamin F. Ellis died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Melvin, 707 Washington St., Meadville, Pa., Friday morning, Jan. 2, 1914, aged 88 years. He was the oldest of a family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, born to John and Susan Ann Ellis, in Mayfield, Maine. The family removed to Pennsylvania in 1841, and settled near Hartstown, where he spent the greater part of

his life.

He is survived by three children: Mrs. Melvin, at whose home he passed away; Joseph, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and Mrs. A. L. Northrop, of Erie, also by nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

He was a member of Sergeant Peiffer Post, 331, G. A. R., having served in Company K, 150 Regiment, 2nd Brigade of the old "Buck-tails." He resided for many years at Hartstown, where he was engaged as a carriage builder, and served as Justice of the Peace, and member of the School Board.

The funeral was held on Saturday at his late home, and followed by further services at the Hartstown M. E. Church, Sunday at noon. The interment took place in the Hartstown Cemetery.

DEATH OF MRS. FRED ZIMMERMAN (nee Eva Ellis)

Mrs. Eva Ellis Zimmerman, wife of Fred Zimmerman, died at her home in Hartstown, Sunday morning, March 23, 1930, after a lingering illness.

Eva was the second child in Enoch's family. She was born June 29, 1862, and was, therefore, in the 67th year of her age. She is survived by her husband, Fred Zimmerman, and four children: Mrs. Clara McElhaney, of Hartstown, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Fessler, of Sandusky, Ohio; Harry Zimmerman, of Hamburg, N. Y., and Ellis Zimmerman, of Conneaut Lake, Pa.

She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. John A. Marshall, of Meadville, Pa., and three brothers, John Ellis, of Wheeling, W. Va., Clark P. Ellis, of Linesville, Pa., and Newton E. Ellis, of Warren, Pa.

Mrs. Zimmerman was a woman of more than ordinary attainments. After attending public school in her native home town, she became greatly interested in the study of music and developed a fine soprano voice which was heard not only in the village choir but also in the musical conventions that were an important feature of town life in the early 80's. Mrs. Zimmerman also had decided talent for amateur theatricals and took a leading part in the plays that were given by local talent.

She was a consistent member of the Hartstown U. P. Church and sang in the choir. She lived in a community furnishing but limited educational advantages but she improved every opportunity offered and died leaving a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

NOTICE OF THOMAS McCHESNEY, From a Sharon Paper

Thomas McChesney, formerly of this city, died at his residence in Pittsburgh, Pa. The deceased was well-known to the older residents of Sharon, where he resided for a number of years. He was a member of Company B, 76 Regiment, P. V. Inf., and was confined in the Andersonville prison for some time. He was a member of the Union Veterans Legion. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Charles W. and Clinton L. Mr. McChesney was 74 years of age at the time of his death. The body was taken to Sharon for interment.

NOTICE OF M. L. WRIGHT'S DEATH, From Wheeling Paper

M. L. Wright, the well-known paper hanger and decorator, died at his home, 1809 Jacob Street, February 20, 1888, aged 40 years, of Bright's disease, from which he had been suffering for some time. Mr. Wright was a respected citizen of Wheeling and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. He was a member of the Young Men's Democratic club, and of Wheeling City Castle, No. 2, Knights of the Golden Eagle. He was also a member of Alpha Lodge, 424, K. of H. Both of these orders will attend his funeral to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence. Interment will take place in the Peninsular Cemetery.

Mr. Wright was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted when only seventeen years old in Company K, 150 Regiment, P.V.I. He served as a member of the company that guarded the President's Mansion throughout the duration of the war.

DEATH OF JOHN ELLIS

Removes Prominent Member of Candy Trade in West Virginia.

Was in Business Fifty Years.

By a Staff Correspondent

Special to Confectioner's Review.

Wheeling, W. Va.—John L. Ellis, president of Ellis and Helfer Co., manufacturing and jobbing confectioners, and one of the city's most prominent business men, died March 4, 1932, at his home, 1910 Warwood avenue, following a protracted illness of heart lesion. Although under medical treatment for more than a year, Mr. Ellis visited his office regularly until a few months ago and maintained his interest in business affairs. He was seventy-two years old and had resided in Wheeling for about fifty years.

Mr. Ellis entered the candy business in 1882, as a traveling salesman, and ten years later became a member of the old established local firm of Hoehle, Ellis, Herbert Company. When two of the original partners withdrew from the concern the business was reorganized under the name of Ellis and Helfer Company, and was developed into one of the largest candy houses in West Virginia.

Mr. Ellis was prominent in Masonic circles. He was past master of Ohio Lodge No. 1, and a member of the Scottish Rite and Osiris Shrine. He was a member of the board of directors of the Citizens Mutual Trust Company and of the board of the Buckeye Aluminum Company, Wooster, Ohio.

Surviving are his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Laverne Blake Scott, of Wooster, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. John Marshall, of Meadville, Pa.; and two brothers, Clark Ellis, of Linesville, Pa., and Newton E. Ellis, of Greenville, Pa.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, March 7, 1932, at the Kepner mortuary chapel, with the Rev. P. Z. Musgrave, pastor of North Street M. E. Church, officiating. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

John Ellis was highly respected in the candy industry and his straightforward principles made him a leader in the trade he had so successfully served for a half century.

DEATH OF EDWIN STANTON ELLIS, TORONTO, OHIO

Edwin S. Ellis, aged 60, former resident of Wheeling and a member of the firm of Ellis and Helfer Candy Company, passed away at his late home, Toronto, Ohio, February 26, 1927, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Ellis has been afflicted for a number of years with heart disease and rheumatism, and his death yesterday was attributed to that affliction.

While in Wheeling, Mr. Ellis was a member of the Ellis and Helfer Company, being affiliated with the sales department. He held membership in Ohio Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M., of Wheeling, as well as the local Black Prince Lodge, No. 19, Knights of Pythias. Upon his removal to Toronto, Mr. Ellis became a member of the United Presbyterian Church of that place. For the past few years he has been connected with the Pittsburgh office of the Equitable Life Insurance Company.

As a resident of Wheeling, Mr. Ellis made a wide acquaintance and many friends who will be grieved at his passing. He is survived by his widow and three married daughters, also by five grand children. He is also survived by his brother John L. Ellis, a member of the firm of the Ellis and Helfer company, and by two other brothers and two sisters in Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were conducted from his late home in Toronto, Ohio, Tuesday afternoon, March 1, 1927, and burial was made in the Toronto Cemetery.

DEATH OF THOMAS EVERETT ELLIS

Thomas Everett Ellis, for twenty-three years a citizen and business man of West Newton, died on Tuesday morning, May 18, 1926, in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, following an operation. Mr. Ellis was admitted to the institution May 11th, for observation. An operation was performed on Monday of this week. The operation was apparently successful, but on the following morning complications developed, and the family was sent for. Death came at 12:20 P.M. Mr. Ellis was born at Hartstown, Pa., January 31, 1880, a son of Enoch and Mary Jane (Thomas) Ellis.

After completing his education, he was employed for a time with the National Biscuit Company. In 1903 he located in West Newton and became associated in the mercantile business with W. L. Goehring and the late C. D. Wright. After the dissolution of the firm, Mr. Ellis entered the automobile business in partnership with Wm. B. Britton. Two months ago the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Ellis took over the business.

Mr. Ellis was a member of the First Presbyterian church of West Newton, and a member of the choir. He was a charter member of the West Newton Rotary Club, member of the Jamestown (Pa.) Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Coudersport Consistory, Royal Arch Masons, and the Charleroi Lodge of Elks.

Mr. Ellis was united in marriage January 6, 1904, with Miss Jessie Shrader, daughter of Louise and the late Lewis Shrader, of Wheeling, W. Va. Surviving are his wife and one daughter, Dorothy, unmarried. He is also survived by four brothers and two sisters, John Ellis of Wheeling; Edwin and Newton, of Toronto, Ohio; Clark of Linesville, Pa.; Mrs. Fred Zimmerman, Hartstown, Pa., and Mrs. John Marshall, Meadville, Pa.

Last evening funeral services as prescribed by the Order of Elks were conducted, and this evening at 7:30 o'clock services will be conducted by the Rev. Wm. F. Fleming, Pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Tomorrow morning the body will be removed to Wheeling for burial in Greenwood cemetery.

DEATH OF MRS. PAUL HUGHES (nee Mildred Ellis)

From the Greenville Advance Argus—Greenville, Pa.

Mrs. Mildred Ellis Hughes, age 30, wife of Paul Hughes, of Youngstown, Ohio, died at 4:30 A. M. Thanksgiving day in South Side hospital, Youngstown, after a goiter operation Nov. 18 and an appendicitis operation Nov. 23.

Mrs. Hughes was the youngest daughter of Descartes and Eva (Jackson) Ellis of East Fallowfield township and spent all her life in that vicinity until her marriage in October, 1920, to Paul Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hughes of Greene township.

Since their marriage they have resided two years in Pittsburg and two years in Philadelphia and for the past seven years in Youngstown.

She is survived by her husband and two children, Raymond, aged 9, and Ellis, aged nine months. She is also survived by her father, Descartes Ellis, of Hartstown, Pa., and one brother, Clarence Ellis, of East Fallowfield township.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 10 A.M. at the home, 752 E. Dewey street, Youngstown, and at one thirty o'clock at the Hartstown M. E. church. The U. P. minister, Rev. Campbell, of East Dewey street, Youngstown, of whom the deceased was a parishioner, will have charge of the services. Interment will follow in McMichael's cemetery, three miles east of Hartstown.

DEATH OF NATHAN FORD ELLIS

Nathan Ford Ellis died at his home on Main street on Thursday night after a brief illness. He had been suffering with pneumonia but complications set in and terminated his life, at the time stated.

Mr. Ellis had been a resident of Jamestown, for thirty years, having located there in 1873. He had won the respect of the citizens and been honored by election to Council and other municipal offices.

He was born in Mayfield, Somerset County, Me., April 5, 1865, and came to Pennsylvania with his parents in 1842, locating on a farm just north of Jamestown. Here the family resided for about

ten years and then removed to the Ellis homestead near Hartstown.

On November 13, 1866, he was married to Nancy Ann Bowden, of Adamsville, and went to housekeeping in a little cottage on a part of the John Ellis estate, where he resided until 1870 when he removed to Erie. In 1873, he came to Jamestown where he has ever since resided.

While a member of the senior class at Hillsdale College, Michigan, he left his studies to join the Union Army, serving his enlistment in the 2nd Michigan Cavalry. He was a member of Robert Porter Post No. 326, G.A.R., and his comrades took part in the funeral services on Sunday. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Jamestown and a member of the Woodmen of the World.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. J. B. Robinson, and one son, C. F. Ellis, all of Jamestown.

The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church on Sunday at 2 o'clock. Owing to the illness of his pastor, Rev. H. C. Foster, Dr. Hayes, of Grove City, conducted the services. Interment occurred in the Jamestown cemetery.

DEATH OF FORD M. CAROTHERS, Kelso, Washington

Copied from Kelso, Washington, Star

Death claimed another Kelso citizen Tuesday night at six o'clock, when Ford M. Carothers, pioneer resident and veteran merchant of Kelso died at the family home at Pacific Avenue and Church Street after an illness of nineteen days following a stroke of apoplexy. Tuesday afternoon he was reported to be failing and at six the end came.

Ford Carothers had been a resident of Kelso for forty-three years having come here from Valisca, Iowa, when a young man. He was sixty-nine years old at the time of his death. On his first trip west he worked for a time in a mill. Later he entered the mercantile business and then went back to Nodaway, Iowa, where he married Miss Annie Robb. He brought his bride to Kelso and they have lived in the same home ever since. The New York Grocery Store, of which he was proprietor, was located next door to the residence where they have always made their home. The widow and two children, Russell E. Carothers, who was associated with his father in business, and Mrs. George Plamondon, of Woodland, survive.

The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock

in the Presbyterian church. Rev. A. W. Bartholomew, pastor conducted the services, assisted by Rev. W.T.S. Spriggs, pastor of the Baptist church, a warm personal friend of the deceased. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Ford Carothers had been a member of the Odd Fellows lodge for twenty-five years, and a charter member of the Kiwanis club. He helped to organize the latter fraternity and was decidedly active in its affairs. He was not only a regular attendant at the meetings but served on the various committees, and contributed, perhaps, more than any other member, to carry out the aims of the organization.

Ford Carothers was not only a pioneer resident of Kelso but a pioneer merchant, and it was altogether fitting and proper that the president of the Kelso Club should announce that all stores and business houses should be closed during the hour of the funeral, and thus pay tribute to the man who had worked so hard and long to build up the community.

At a meeting of the Kelso Kiwanis club directors Tuesday night, a resolution of sympathy was adopted and the secretary was directed to send a copy of the same to the family. It was also decided that all members of the club should be asked to attend the funeral, since the deceased had been a friend of each and every member.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY E. MELVIN

Mrs Mary E. Melvin, widow of Ardie Melvin, passed away at 1 P.M., Monday, Nov. 18, 1935, at her home, 707 Washington street, Meadville, of pneumonia. She was 84 years of age last Sept. 26th.

Mrs. Melvin was born in Hartstown, Pa., and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Ellis of that place. She had resided in Meadville for many years and was well known there. She was a member of the Presbyterian church of Meadville.

She leaves five children, Mrs. Myra Kuhn, Herbert Melvin, Samuel Melvin, and Benjamin Melvin, all of Meadville, and Thomas Melvin, of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Services from the Byham funeral home, Meadville, were held at 2 P. M., Thursday, Nov. 21st. and burial at Meadville.

DEATH OF MRS. MARTIN L. WRIGHT

Mrs. Jane Evans Lynch Wright, 80, widow of Martin L. Wright and former resident of Wheeling, died Monday morning at 10:35

o'clock at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. John C. Williams, 309 Albermarle avenue, Stonewall Court, Richmond, Virginia.

The body arrived in Wheeling today and was taken to the Kepner funeral home.

Services will be conducted in the chapel Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Frederick W. Cropp, Jr., minister at First Presbyterian church, will be in charge. Interment is to be in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Wright was born in Jamestown, Pa., Mar. 30, 1855, a daughter of Andrew L. and Susan Evans Lynch. For many years she resided in Wheeling but had spent the later years of her life in Rosemont, Pa., and in Richmond. Her husband, Martin L. Wright, preceded her in death a number of years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Robert E. Saul, of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Bertram G. Smith, of New York City; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

DEATHS IN THE ELLIS FAMILY SINCE THE LAST REUNION

(From August 30, 1930 to August 29, 1931)

The following persons, direct descendants in the third generation of John and Susan Ann (Ford) Ellis, have passed away since the last reunion, which was held near Hartstown, Pa., on Saturday, August 30, 1930:

Susan Ann (Ellis) McCurdy, the eldest of Abner's family, died February 23, 1931 at her home in Adamsville, Pa. She was born January 9, 1857 and was, therefore, 74 years of age at the time of her death. She is survived by children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was present at the last annual reunion.

Charles Ellis, another member of Abner's family, passed away October 4, 1930, after a lingering illness. He was born June 4, 1866 and was, therefore, 64 years old. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, James and Paul. There is one grandchild.

Leslie Davis, Vestine's husband, died very suddenly in Warren, on Tuesday, November 11, 1930. Funeral services were held in Jamestown, Pa. at the home of his daughter, Lenora. Leslie was born near Hartstown, Pa., March 28, 1856, and was, therefore, 74 years of age at the time of his death. He is survived by two children and four grandchildren. He was present at the last family reunion and was apparently in good health.

In addition to the above, two members of the Carothers family have died during the past year—Ford M. and Annie (Carothers) Hawkins. Their mother was Alfreda, daughter of John and Susan Ann Ellis. The Carothers family went west and finally settled in Iowa, where ten children grew to manhood and womanhood. At last reports eight are still living.

Ford Carothers, pioneer resident and merchant of Kelso, Washington, died at his home on Tuesday, April 20, 1930, after a brief illness. He was born near Nodaway, Iowa, Nov. 12, 1860, and was, therefore, 70 years of age. Besides his wife, whose maiden name was Annie Robb, he is survived by two children and six grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hawkins, of Wheatland, Wyo., were instantly killed at Nodaway, September 3, 1930, by a fast freight on the Burlington railroad. They had attended the Carothers family reunion only two days before and were still visiting among friends when the accident occurred. Mrs. Hawkins was Annie Carothers before her marriage. She was greatly interested in the family history and attended the third annual gathering of the Ellis family. Annie, as she was familiarly called, was born February 13, 1862, and was 68 years old at the time of her death. She is survived by two children, a son and a daughter, and by five grandchildren.

REMINISCENCES OF HARTSTOWN AND VICINITY

HARTSTOWN SIXTY YEARS AGO

SO GREAT are the changes in the town since my childhood days were spent there that the aspects and conditions of those days seem more than a lifetime away. It has been my good fortune to pass my days in a section of the state near enough to my birthplace to afford me frequent opportunities to revisit the place.

The house in which I was born is still in a fine state of preservation, though somewhat changed in appearance as a result of some modern additions. It stands on the Perry Highway midway between Hartstown and Adamsville on one corner of the Ellis Homestead. My earliest childhood years (I was only six years old when we moved to town) were spent there wandering along the banks of the small stream that flowed through the five-acre tract surrounding my father's home, or climbing the hills sloping down to the water's edge. Here we lived until 1869. During the summer of that year father built a shop in Hartstown, and that fall we moved into a house on Main Street, and here we lived until I grew to manhood. It was here that we boys attended school in the winter. The sessions were held on the first floor of the old Academy and were taught by some of the best teachers to be obtained in those days. The terms were only six months long, leaving us another six months every summer for roving through the fields and woods where we made the acquaintance of the plants and flowers and wild life of the region surrounding the little village. The town itself was but a small hamlet of not more than one hundred and fifty people, but it was surrounded by a vigorous and prosperous farming community.

On the east lay a wide stretch of marsh lands, with channels running through the thick growth of alders and cat-tails. Many acres of this swamp were flooded and frozen over in winter and this was our favorite skating ground before we were old enough to be permitted to frequent the glassy surface of the Beaver and Erie canal that ran through town, or venture on the broad expanse of the Reservoir that extended for a mile or more in a northerly direction from the lock

and high embankment at its foot. The whole region in the immediate vicinity of the town was rural in character. It was rich in wild life, and the habitat of many rare wild flowers, such as the lady's-slipper and painted trillium. The marshes were yellow in spring with cowslips, and the ponds near-by white with water lilies. The woods were carpeted in summer with evergreen, which we used to gather for Christmas decorations; and, in many places, patches of fragrant wintergreens abounded.

The Reservoir and the small lakes in the region around Hartstown were a paradise for fishermen in early days, and many a fine string of large-mouthed black bass was taken by the sportsmen from Greenville, Mercer, Sharon, and New Castle. Every small boy kept minnows for sale as bait and drove a thriving business. Joe Ellis still loves to tell how, on a certain summer day in midsummer, a party of fishermen left their canoe in his care and went on an errand to the village hotel (perhaps for liquid refreshments). During their absence he quietly appropriated their rowboat and fishing tackle and made a little trip of his own along a promising shore. He soon returned with several fine bass, which he sold to the unsuspecting fishermen on their return. He had caught them, too, with the very minnows which he had previously sold to the luckless fishermen.

Every spring and fall immense flocks of ducks, and occasionally geese and swans, settled down on the quiet waters of the Reservoir on their migrations to and from their northern breeding grounds. The surface was sometimes black with wild fowl, and every man and boy that owned a gun of any description went forth to hunt. The crack of their guns might be heard all day long if the weather conditions were unfavorable for the birds to resume their flight. This was the golden era of my youth—the heyday of my earliest recollection, when the woods and field were most fair and all Nature most inviting.

Then came the exciting days—about 1870, when the canal boats ceased to run, and someone, wishing to secure the fish that the Reservoir contained, cut the embankment that held back the waters, and opened the locks, thus permitting the floods to enter the marshes. Now was the chance to spear the finny beauties, and everybody that owned a spear waded into the swift current below the cut, armed with long-handled spears, and carrying a bag to hold the fish. It was no uncommon experience for a man to take a bushel of fish in a few

hours, as they swam over the bar. Later in the fall, when the bulk of the water had been drawn off and only pond-holes remained, the men went out in boats to spear the fish. These small ponds fairly swarmed with the finny tribe, and thousands were taken in this manner. I saw one row-boat come in after a few hours, literally loaded to the gunwales. Still later in the fall, when the shallow pools became frozen over, people went out with axes and clubs to salvage the vast number that had been trapped when the waters receded. Many became chilled and frozen in, or lay sluggishly under the thin ice. A smart blow on the ice above would stun the fish. It was then an easy matter to cut a hole through the ice and secure them. I well realize that this account of the unique methods used to catch the fish may seem like a fish story, but I want to assure my readers that it is not an exaggeration but a true story. The Reservoir had long been known as one of the finest fishing resorts in Western Pennsylvania, and was abundantly stocked with every fresh-water variety, including bass, pike, suckers, perch, sunfish, and even the gamey muskallonge.

The early spring, after the ice had melted and a warm rain had raised the streams flowing into the Reservoir and lakes surrounding my native town, was the favorite time for spearing suckers. The fisherman now repaired his boat and launched it for a cruise on some body of water. At this season the fishes lie in shallow water along the shore where they are plainly visible in the light of a torch. A flat bottomed boat was best for the purpose. It was equipped with a hoop-iron crate set up in the prow, then with a generous supply of fat pitch-pine roots cut from an old stump, a fire was built in the crate, and the fishermen, one in the stern to paddle the boat and another in front to spear the fish, start out to try their luck. A spear with seven tines attached to the end of a long, smooth rounded handle is used. It should be a warm, still evening; and then with a fire crackling merrily at the prow, you may launch out for a cruise along shore. The dullest soul is stirred by such an experience. For the time being he is a great adventurer as he shoves his craft gently over the quiet waters, which are lit up with more than noonday distinctness. There lie the finny game and the spearer can exercise his skill in forking them into his boat, and at the same time enjoy the beauty and never-ending novelty of his surroundings. The alders growing along the shore are distinctly visible in the glare of the

spearer's light, and if the air is hazy, the sky above shines with a rosy light, which is visible to the wayfarer as he quietly wends his way homeward in the night. The shores of the Reservoir in early days and of Middle and Lower lakes, at a later date, were the resorts for spearers, but every small stream flowing into a larger body of water in the neighborhood, furnished the small boy an opportunity to try his hand at the sport, though in a slightly different manner. Instead of the torch set up in the prow of a boat, one person carried a torch along the banks of the stream, while another carried the spear.

Hartstown was inhabited by a vigorous race of prosperous tradesmen and mechanics of native origin, and there lived four of the Ellis family, Benjamin and Enoch, Kezia and Silence, while three other brothers—Abner, Nathan, and Dow, lived on the Old Homestead not far away. In the town proper lived Squire Joseph Patton and his two sons, David and Joseph, the owners of the large saw-mill on the banks of the canal just below the lock. There, too, lived Moses and Lyman Kilgore, the proprietors of a barrel factory near the Basin (a smaller body of water below town). Jason Budd was the keeper of the local hotel at the foot of the Reservoir, and kept a store in one corner of the building. He was also the postmaster in the little town, having been appointed to the position by Abraham Lincoln. Budd kept the hotel until 1872, when he sold out and went to Meadville. He lived to the ripe old age of 97, and at the time of his death, was perhaps the very last of the older inhabitants of the town. He was well remembered for his long silken beard, erect carriage, and honest gray eyes. He died in 1928.

Another of the early inhabitants of Hartstown, who deserves more than passing notice, was Rev. H. H. Hervey, who for upwards of a half-century was pastor of the United Presbyterian church. Rev. Hervey was an Irishman by birth and education, who came to Hartstown when a young man, taught the village school, and preached fiery anti-slavery sermons to his congregation in the days preceding the Civil War. Some of the "Copper-heads" took exceptions to his vigorous language, but he told them if the shoe pinched to put it on. He was a sturdy patriot, an upright citizen, and a splendid spiritual shepherd.

Then there was the aristocratic family of Ewings, who kept the village store, in a large two-story frame building on the corner, and

lived in a rambling old building on the opposite corner. Benoni Ewing, the head of the household, was a gentleman of the old school—always well-dressed, dignified and courteous. He was a shrewd business man, and could drive a sharp bargain without sacrificing his own interests, yet managed to retain the respect of his fellow townsmen. His children grew up in Hartstown and finally married off. One of the daughters became the wife of Hon. James A. Stranahan, of Mercer, Pa., a prominent lawyer, and Democratic politician.

On another corner of Main and State streets lived Gus Vanderslice, the liveryman and driver of the stage that carried mail and passengers to and from the station at Atlantic on the Erie Railroad. He made one trip daily regardless of the inclemency of the weather, stopping at the postoffice in Adamsville to pick up passengers and mail. This was one of the "Star Routes" that figured so prominently in the political history of the day. Vanderslice conducted a very profitable business in Hartstown for a number of years, then sold out and removed to Rochester, Pa., where he opened up on a larger scale and conducted an undertaking business. While in Hartstown he lived in what was known as the "Poor House," on account of the many poor families that had lived there from time to time. In one corner of the same building, at a later date, was the tin-shop of Wash Mason.

In another part of town lived Billy Brown, the cooper, and his good wife, Elizabeth. I still remember how Billy would usher in the Fourth of July with an old musket, loaded with powder and tow and held at arm's length above his head to escape the recoil and the ever-present danger of being blown into eternity by an explosion of the over-loaded piece. But nothing ever happened except the loud report and the smoke that rose from the ground where the charge had entered. Billy's wife was a sweet old English lady with a wonderful voice, and it was such a pleasure to hear her sing the children to sleep in the long summer evenings with the folk songs and lullabys of Old England. She had been one of Queen Victoria's maids in her younger days and proudly showed a slipper which that sovereign had given her as a memento.

Dr. Snodgrass was the earliest physician in town that I recall distinctly, though there must have been an earlier one. Isaac Hitchcock was the tailor and ran a shop on State street. He was not very popular with the boys because he loved to play practical jokes upon them.

Among the older residents of the town mention has already been made of Squire Joseph Patton, Sr. He served as County Commissioner in the early seventies. Then there was Charles York, the teamster, Peter and Daniel Moyer and Moses Kilgore, Sr. Of these Daniel Meyer was perhaps the best known and most beloved, especially by the younger generation. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, and loved to tell us stories of those days; and he it was that taught us how to set snares to catch rabbits. He died at the age of 94 and was buried in the Hartstown cemetery.

Then there was Jake Brown and Tom Getchel. The former was connected with the Erie Canal in some capacity, while the latter had been captain of the company that served as Lincoln's body-guard during the war. It was in this company that Ben and Enoch Ellis served. I must not fail to mention Uncle Jimmy Wade, the butcher, and George Rogers, Sr. Then there was Henry Murray, the jack of all trades, and Matthew Christy, the renowned wood-chopper, who could fell a tree with the fewest number of strokes and cut it into cord-wood amidst a veritable shower of chips. They were all characters in one way or another, and many good stories could be told about them.

The foreign people in the little village could be enumerated upon the fingers of one hand. Chief among these was Fred Boley and his jolly little Irish wife, Caroline. He was a gardener and wood-chopper, while his wife took in washing and helped the more prosperous housewives at house-cleaning times. She was clean and neat and a good worker but he was less reliable and given to drinking. He was a German and she an Irishwoman—an odd match but fairly successful.

I should perhaps include my father and mother among the early residents of Hartstown. They came there in 1869 and were prominently associated with its growth and development for upwards of a quarter of a century. Father was a first class cabinet-maker and conducted the undertaking business. In 1878 he was appointed postmaster and served until the election of Grover Cleveland in 1885.

These were all residents of the little town during my early boyhood days. There were perhaps others but I do not recall them all. In fact, everybody in that little community knew not only everybody else in person but also much of everybody's history and mode of life. It was a pathetic experience for me, a former citizen, to visit

the Hartstown cemetery—as I did recently—and read the epitaphs on the tombstones. Many of the names there found are those of men and women with whom I was personally acquainted in my younger days. I was saddened by the thought of the shortness of human life. Truly we live but for a brief span, and the friends of a former generation go to their long reward.

During the past sixty years an entire generation has passed away and a new generation has taken its place. Some of the old landmarks still remain but they have been so repaired and remodeled that their old familiar aspects are no longer visible. A railroad has taken the place of the canal. The reservoir is now an extensive marsh. Main street is now an improved highway. Horses and wagons have given place to high-power automobiles, and a visit to the county seat now can be made in an hour, whereas it took a whole day to make the trip when I was a boy. The old lock at the foot of the Reservoir has been replaced with a raised causeway over the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad, and the station stands on the very site of the old saw-mill. Many other changes might be mentioned, but why prolong the list? The Hartstown of 1870, like many other inland towns, is so changed in appearance that a former resident would have difficulty in finding a single familiar scene. In the words of the Bible, "Behold, old things have passed away, and all things have become new."

THE GREAT WHITE-PINE FOREST

I had not been a resident of this little village on the banks of the Beaver and Erie Canal very long until I was introduced, for the first time, to one of its chief attractions—the great white-pine forest, from which came the long, straight, resinous logs that were piled many feet high around Patton's saw-mill.

It was a cold winter day and the teamsters were busily engaged in hauling the great leafless trunks from the forests to mill. The bobsleds came and went from early dawn until the shadows of evening put a stop to their labors for the day. My youthful curiosity was aroused and I wished to see the source of the supply. The woods were but a mile away, and it was such fun to hitch our sleds on behind a returning bob to be drawn over the snow to the strange world where nothing was heard but the ringing strokes of the woodman's axe, as he plied his cruel trade. Through this evergreen maze, a winding road led hither and thither among the trees that towered

into the sky. On either side tall leafless trunks arose only to meet in evergreen arches overhead, shutting out the very light of day. Pure odors wafted to our nostrils the health-giving ozone of the resinous pine woods. The murmuring voices of the forest were hushed by the crash of falling trees, and a deep melancholy brooded over the wilderness.

Such was the forest primeval that covered the low hills and filled the valleys beyond the limits of the little village. I shall never forget the deep and lasting impression that those dim cathedral aisles of the forest made upon my youthful mind. My imagination was awed by this intimate contact with Nature. The loneliness and terror of the dark, untrodden forest frightened me, and led to a hasty retreat, and I do not think that I ever entered the pine woods again without a feeling of dread. In after years, when the timber was all cut down and briers and berry-bushes took the place of the pines, I was accustomed to visit the place and pick red raspberries and black berries that grew up among the blackened logs and stumps that still strewn the ground where once had stood the monarchs of the forest; but I shall never forget the sense of awe and that feeling of strangeness in the presence of solitary Nature, which the first visit to the great pine forest made upon my youthful mind.

THE RESERVOIR

A broad expanse of dark-blue water, rippled by a gentle breeze or lashed into fury by a summer storm, stretched away to the very limits of vision in a northerly direction. A high bank bounded the reservoir on the west and served as a towpath for the horses and mules used for drawing the canal boats. The eastern boundary was more irregular. Its shore wound in and out along the edge of the dark pine forest, with here a point of land jutting into the water, or there a deep bay, bordered with white or yellow pond-lilies, or edged with tall rushes or cat-tails that swayed in the breezes. It was in these deep bays with weedy bottoms and grassy edges that the best fishing was to be had. Here the gamey muskallonge and the large-mouthed black bass made their homes, and were to be taken only by the most skillful fishermen, who were equipped with long cane poles and strong flaxen lines.

The reservoir was studded with lovely wooded islands bearing descriptive names, such as "Evergreen," "Wintergreen," etc. These were scattered here and there over its surface like gems on Nature's

bosom, and were the resort, both summer and winter, of the hunters and pleasure seekers from the village. The first named island was carpeted with trailing vines, like a great, verdant, mossy rug beneath the feet, while the latter was clothed with fragrant patches of winter-greens, that bore scarlet berries in the autumn and winter months.

When first I came to live in the little village at the foot of the reservoir, it was still used as a feeder for the canal. The lock which held back its waters was a never-ending source of pleasure to me, and I loved to see the boats come and go as they passed through town in either direction. I have spent many an hour fishing in the still waters above the lock, or watching some patient fisherman who had been sitting on the bank since early morning perhaps, as silent and motionless as a cat at a mouse-hole. There was one old man, with whom I became quite chummy. He was an excellent fisherman and story-teller. He knew all the local traditions and delighted to tell yarns about the lakes and ponds in the vicinity of my home. Occasionally we sat together on the stone abutment, he with cane pole and silken line fishing for bass, and I with a much simpler outfit fishing for sunfish. He always seemed pleased when I caught a fish and praised my youthful skill.

One day when we had been thus fishing and talking together for a long time, there came a sudden tug at the line and the tip of the pole dipped momentarily. This was the sign of a bite, and soon the reel began to spin merrily as the line sped out into deep water. It seemed to me that the fish would never stop. It did finally come to rest, however, just before the last yard of line had been paid out. Now came another surprise. My good friend sat there as unperturbed as if nothing unusual had happened, but I noticed that his thumb was on the reel and that his eyes were fixed intently upon the tip of his pole. He knew from long experience that the fish would move off again as soon as it had swallowed the bait, and he was waiting for that moment to arrive. Fortunately he had not long to wait. The fish began to move. A long, quick sweep of the pole upwards was enough to set the hook, and the fisherman was ready to land his game. It took perhaps five minutes to bring the big gamey fellow to shore, for he fought for his life like a trapped tiger. And what a beauty he was! I shall never forget how surprised I was at the huge size of that large-mouthed black bass. It greatly surpassed in size and weight any fish of that variety that I had ever

seen. That was probably during the summer of 1870, when I was yet a small boy, but, in the days to come, I became accustomed to see many such fish, for hundreds of people visited these waters every summer, and not infrequently came away with great strings of such gamey fellows.

At that early age my imagination stirred by the tales that were told of wild fowl that visited the reservoir. An old man who used to frequent this great body of water in early days, when it was almost surrounded with virgin forests, told me that he sometimes saw it all alive with ducks and geese, and that it was not an uncommon experience for a gunner to shoot hundreds of ducks in a single morning. He came here to hunt, and used an old board canoe with paddles. He would paddle to some secluded cove, bordered with rushes or cat-tails, and there bush his boat to await the flight of the birds. Sometimes they would come floating up to the blind in dense bodies; at other times the ducks would fly over, affording a chance for a passing shot.

In the winter months, when an icy mantle covered the waters of the reservoir, the young people came with their skates to glide over its polished surface. At such times, they frequently constructed a whirligig out of a long pole mounted upon an upright post sunk into the bed of the pond. Several sturdy lads would take their places at the butt-end and push the pole rapidly around the circle, while others would cling to the smaller end as long as they could and then let go, thus being driven over the ice at great speed towards the distant shore, or perhaps in the opposite direction, towards some fairy island in the dim distance. And sometimes, also, the more adventurous young men, in company with their lady admirers, would visit Evergreen island, a mile or more away, to gather the trailing evergreens and weave them into wreaths for a hat band or with which to drape themselves for the admiration and envy of their less venturesome companions.

"All shod with steel we hissed along the polished ice
In games confederate, imitative of the chase
And woodland pleasures.

Happy time indeed it was for all of us;

For me it was a time of rapture."—Wordsworth.

At such a time a man feels like a new creature. He takes new possession of nature. Sometimes we skated through a slight snow

on a blustering day, and sometimes, too, a thicker drift threw us and we measured our lengths on the ice, but we would not have missed the experience for a good deal. At other times we built a fire on the ice to keep warm, kindling it with white-pine cones, for there is a resinous drop at the point of each scale—and then we forgot that we were out doors in a blustering winter day, for smoke and flame and crackling fagots lent enchantment to the scene.

A WEIRD STORY OF LOWER LAKE

I have spoken of Stewart Greenlee as a famous fisherman but I have not said much about his stories of witches and specters and other strange phantasies with which he clothed the lakes and swamps in the vicinity of Hartstown. Greenlee seemed to be leagued with the spiritual realm, and loved to relate stories about supernatural beings, the ghosts of departed spirits that once roamed through the fens and morasses of that region. He had the story-teller's knack of investing his yarns with a sense of realism. Many a long winter's evening I have sat in the shoeshop or grocery store listening to his weird tales until I was actually afraid to go home, lest the goblins would get me on the way.

One of his favorite yarns was of a negro boy who worked for Buell. He went into the swamp one day but never returned. They found his clothes on the shore of Lower Lake, and it was supposed that he had gone in swimming and was drowned, but they never found his body. His spirit, however, ever afterwards haunted these waters and rendered the locality frightful and mysterious. Greenlee had been a witness to this strange experience, which is here related.

There was an old wooden tramway connecting Buell's mill with the canal about a mile away. The tramway was used for hauling lumber to the nearest shipping point on the canal. It ran directly through the swamp on the south side of the lake, crossing the outlet at its narrowest point. But at the time of which I speak, it had rotted away until there was little to be seen of the ties and stringers. One dark day, while Greenlee was fishing from an old flat-bottomed boat, he heard someone coming down the tramway whistling a merry tune. The boards resounded with the tramp of his little feet, then came to a halt at the edge of the water. After a brief pause, yells for help were heard. This was followed by the noise of hurrying footsteps in the opposite direction, as of somebody fleeing for his life. This was repeated after a short interval. Again he heard the merry tune

and the tramp of little feet on the boards, then came the pause, followed by distressing cries for help.

Such strange sounds were well calculated to arouse the curiosity of the lone fisherman, and he went to investigate with some feeling of trepidation; but though he examined every foot of the rotten tramway from its crossing at the outlet to the site of the old mill, not a sound plank could be found and not a twig was broken. Greenlee concluded, therefore, that the noises heard were made by the spirit of the negro youth, who had so mysteriously disappeared many years ago. He firmly believed that the noises were supernatural and that the ghost of the dead boy really returned and re-enacted the tragedy of his last day on earth.

In after years I came to know this locality intimately. I have fished in the lake many a time, but I was never disturbed by spirits, or by any noise more strange than that of some solitary woodpecker drumming a tattoo on a dead pine stub, or the distant rumbling of a wagon over a bridge, or the lowing of some disconsolate cow in a distant barnyard.

Then there was the story of the mysterious iron chest that came to the surface of the lake and floated up to the shore, only to recede again and go back into deep water when you went to investigate.

There was also the story of the mermaids that lived in the depths of the lake. Occasionally they would come up, all dripping with water, in a ring that completely encircled the lake; but when you came near to investigate the strange apparition, they would sink out of sight as mysteriously as they had appeared.

These stories and traditions made such a deep impression on my mind that I was afraid to venture upon the lake until long afterwards. No doubt these strange tales had a wholesome effect in keeping me out of danger until I was older and better able to take care of myself. I needed their restraining influence in early years. As I grew older, however, and reason began to assert itself, they lost their effect, and many a happy hour was spent in hunting and fishing in the vicinity of the Upper, Middle and Lower lakes.

PYMATUNING SWAMP

An extensive swamp in the form of a crescent with its horns pointing towards the south swept in a great semi-circle from Hartstown into Ohio. It is like a great bow with its broadest part near Linesville. This swamp is the source of the Shenango river, which winds

its sluggish way through a tangled wilderness for upwards of twenty five miles before emerging into a broad, productive valley. Its course is blocked with fallen timbers and its waters impeded by many different varieties of water plants. Like an immense sponge, it stores up the waters from the surrounding country in the wet season, and then gives them out again in generous measure, as needed, in the dry months of the year.

Pymatuning means, in the Delaware Indian language, "The man with a crooked mouth." From the drooping corners of this crooked mouth there flow two streams, which unite at Greenville to form the Shenango river. The one flowing from the Ohio corner is the Shenango proper, while that flowing from the eastern, or Hartstown corner, is called Crooked creek. The latter is the outlet of the three small lakes near Hartstown. No matter how great the drouth, the water keeps pouring from the two corners of this crooked mouth as from a great gargoye.

There was a legend among the Delawares that at one time, ages and ages ago, a great river came from the land of the Beavers and flowed northward into Lake Erie. Pymatuning, the Great Chief of the Delawares, went in search of this river in a season of severe drouth, when all the red children were dying of thirst. He traveled far to the south without water to quench his thirst, and then returned to his people; but he had been so long without water that his mouth was twisted. Therefore he called all the tribes together to dig a great pond in the dry country where he had wandered, and so the great inland storage tank, now called PYMATUNING, was excavated. The Indians dug and dug until a great lake took the place of the dry land in which the great chief had suffered. At first it was a vast open sea, on whose shores the Delawares dwelt in peace, and over whose waters they paddled their bark canoes, but after long ages it began to grow smaller and finally filled up with silt, thus converting the lake into a deep morass.

One part of the Indian legend has been established beyond question by the geologists. It is now believed that the Beaver flowed as a broad inland river into Lake Erie, and that the Pymatuning swamp is all that is left of this ancient waterway. High hills bound the valley on both the east and west sides, but from a point only a few miles north of Hartstown, the water flows both ways—north by way of Conneaut creek into Lake Erie and south by way of the Shenan-

go into the Beaver river. It does not take a very great stretch of the imagination to conceive of a time, in early geological ages, when there was a continuous water passage by way of this network throughout the valley. Pymatuning may have been a lake of vast extent in that part of its course. Several well-known facts appear to bear out this theory.

First, in the broadest parts of the swamp no solid bottom has ever been found. The Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad built a cut-off through the swamp a number of years ago and was compelled to drive piles into the bog and lay track over a treacherous stretch of quagmire, only to see it disappear in a single night with an engine and train of loaded flat-cars. A deep lagoon took the place of what the night before seemed like a safe crossing. It took upwards of eighteen months and thousands of car-loads of gravel and cinders to fill the great sink-hole. The road-building materials were dumped at either end of the pool and, for a long time, little progress was made. Finally, however, the work was completed, but as the earth went down, it lifted the surface of the swamp up, exposing a crust several feet thick, composed of decayed vegetable matter so firmly and compactly built up that it had become the support for good-sized forest trees. This crust was like a great field of ice with muck and water underneath. At the edge of the great lagoon, which it had taken so long to fill, grew trees fifty feet high. The crust at this point sagged under the great weight of the surface materials which had been piled upon it until the trees touched each other at the tops, forming a covered archway for the tracks.

A second reason for believing that Pymatuning Swamp was once a vast inland lake is because of its distinct shore-line. This is most apparent from a slight elevation, such as that afforded by the bridge that spans the sluggish stream near Shermansville. By standing upon the railing of this bridge, an extensive view may be had of the ancient shore-line, which is seen to wind in and out, with here a jutting point and there a deep bay, where the taller white pines border upon the less elevated, verdure-clad expanse of the swamp proper.

But what is the character of the swamp itself? During the summer of 1911, two Pittsburgh nature lovers (Charles H. Stone and Samuel Kennedy) made a canoe trip through the swamp. They entered it near Linesville and came out at Turnersville, where the Shenango leaves the morass. The distance traveled was upwards of fifteen miles

and it took three days to make the journey. For a short distance the going was comparatively easy, but the heat of July was intense and the mosquitoes and black flies troublesome. The channel soon became tortuous, and was frequently obstructed by fallen trees, through which it was difficult for the canoeists to force their way. About two miles from the place of starting, the stream they were following flowed into what is locally known as the beginning of the Shenango river. This was well towards the western end of the swamp, but the course was continually clogged with an impenetrable maze of growing trees, which they had to cut their way through or lift the canoe over them. In some places the rainy season seemed to have created an under-current that swept the trees from their supports and toppled them over in every conceivable position, so that the result had been an interminable tangle of tipsy trees. At other places the going was easier, and the waterway was beautiful beyond description, with a luxurious growth of water-lilies, cat-tails, arrow-root, rice-grass, vines and float-growths of an aquatic nature. Sometimes the course became difficult to trace and the channel so crooked that they lost their way and had to retrace their course, thus losing much valuable time. At times they came to short stretches of clear channel, without a log or snag, leading into open water, with no trees or bushes, just acres and acres of fragrant white water-lilies. The beauty of the place fascinated them with its mysterious remoteness and eerie loveliness.

In some places, muskrats, sleek and shiny, swam away, and from every log caught in the weeds, turtles slid into the water. Myriads of red-wing blackbirds, with their musical whistle, fluttered over the cat-tails, where their nests were built. Shrill-voiced kingfishers, Jack-snipe, squawky green herons, great blue herons, and other varieties of waders, appeared at every turn. Snakes, silent and slimy, wriggled away and disappeared in the dense growth of water-plants. At one place, a colony of marsh wrens had established themselves in the cat-tails and tall rushes along shore.

Night was coming on and the whole scene changed into a mystic fairyland of enchanting beauty.

The sparkle of myriad fire-flies,
Frogs that twang through the night,
Whirling of water-beetles on pools
Where the moon shines bright;
A stir of things in the darkness,
Lurking where shadows abide;
Things that are hungry and stealthy,
Things that are craven and hide

The water-rat gnaws at the roots,
And the night-heron cries for his prey,
Till the dawn-wind sighs in the reeds,
And the marsh wren heralds the day;
Sounds and movement always—
Life is so eager and free,
In the whispering star-lit marshes,
That are neither land nor sea.



